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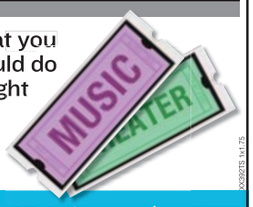

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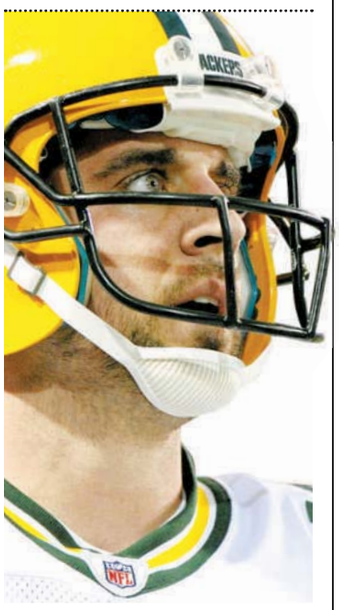

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INDECENT EXPOSURE

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Police in suburban Atlanta arrested a man and a woman holding a nude photo shoot next to a church. WSB-TV reports that officers spotted the pair Friday in a vacant lot next to the church, where Natasha Smith was posing in a swimsuit. She told officers Corey Lightfoot was helping her make a portfolio to work as an exotic dancer. About an hour later, officers found Smith naked in the vacant lot. Police charged Smith and Lightfoot with public indecency and trespassing. (AP)

PUBLIC SERVICE

Also Writes 'I Cheated' on W-2

A man in Merrill, Wis., apparently knew he had too much to drink. The 21-year-old man called 911 Sunday night to let dispatchers know he was driving drunk and needed to go to jail. The dispatcher asked the man to pull over. He stopped on Main Street, where he was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. (AP)

LOST AND FOUND

American Waiters in Awe of Australian Tipping Customs

Police are looking for the owner of a suitcase "full of money" that was left at an Italian restaurant in Sydney by a mystery customer. Ten Network television reported the suitcase left at Cafe Marco Tuesday morning contained about $1 million. But police will describe the suitcase contents only as "a significant amount of cash." (AP)

The Big Picture

OLI SCARFF/GETTY IMAGES

BIRD IS THE WORD: Participants in the Poultry Club of Great Britain's 2011 National Show in Stoneleigh, England, pose with their birds Saturday. Clockwise from top left: Dave Thorn and his Oxford Dun Cock; Richard Tidley and his Light Sussex Hen; George Brearley and his Norfolk Black Stag Turkey; and Linda Rupniak and her Silver Laced Poland Pullet. (GETTY)

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In Brief

FLAGSTAFF, ARIZ.

Report Links Wildfires In Ariz. to Immigrants

A study by the U.S. Government Accountability Office shows investigators have linked 30 fires that erupted in a five-year period in Arizona's border region to people who crossed into the United States illegally. Sen. John McCain said it backs up June statements he made about illegal immigrants and wildfires. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Toy Safety Report Finds Some Holiday Dangers

The U.S. Public Interest Research Group's report, released Tuesday, found just over a dozen toys on store shelves violate federal safety standards with unsafe levels of lead or chemicals and by containing choking hazards. (AP)

GREAT NECK, N.Y.

20 Students Accused In Cheating Scandal

Prosecutors said Tuesday that 15 Great Neck, N.Y., high school and private school students hired five people to take the SAT or ACT for them. The impostors fooled test administrators by showing up for the exams with phony IDs. (AP)

Holiday Schedule

Express will not publish Thursday or Friday, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Obama: Extend Payroll Tax Cut

Visiting crucial N.H., president challenges GOP on measure

Manchester, N.H.

President Obama dashed into politically important New Hampshire Tuesday, seeking to steal the spotlight from Republican presidential candidates and challenging GOP lawmakers back in Washington to stand by their anti-tax pledges on one big measure.

He was greeted with a blunt message from Republican contender Mitt Romney, who bought campaign ads telling Obama, "Your policies have failed."

In his first trip to New Hampshire in nearly two years, the president was confronted by a state that has shifted sharply to the right since his victory here in the 2008 election. The state's crucial independent voters sided solidly with Republicans in the 2010 midterms, and recent polls suggest Obama would lose to Romney by 10 percentage points here if the election were held today.

CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

President Obama had hoped to tuck the payroll tax extension into an agreement from the deficit-reduction supercommittee, but the panel collapsed Monday.

Republican Debate

One day after the supercommittee collapsed, eight GOP presidential candidates debated in Washington Tuesday night. For coverage, visit washingtonpost.com/politics.

Seeking to boost his appeal with independents in this low-tax state, Obama urged Congress to extend a Social Security payroll tax cut due to expire next month. In effect, he dared Republicans — many of whom have signed anti-tax pledges — to vote against an extension, a move the White House says would lead to a $1,000 tax hike on a family making $50,000 a year.

If lawmakers vote "no, your taxes go up. Yes, you get a tax cut," Obama told the crowd. "Which way do you think Congress should vote?"

Who Stands Where

The Republican field is not unanimous on whether to extend the payroll tax cut. Mitt Romney has said he's not for raising taxes "anywhere," and former House speaker Newt Gingrich says that given the economic conditions, "it's very hard to say no." In Congress, Rep. Michele Bachmann voted against the payroll tax cut, but Rep. Ron Paul supported it. Businessman Herman Cain and Texas Gov. Rick Perry oppose extending the cut. (AP)

Democrats had hoped to tuck the payroll tax extension, and a renewal of jobless benefits, into an agreement from the congressional deficit-reduction supercommittee.

But with that option off the table after the committee's collapse Monday, the White House plans to make a full-court press for a separate measure to extend the tax cuts before they expire at the end of the year — and set up Republicans as scapegoats if that doesn't happen. JULIE PACE (AP)

Your Ad Here: Creative advertising ventures are reviving a debate about how governments raise money in tough economic times. A public school district in Colorado is selling ads on report cards and Utah allows ads on school buses. In Chicago, looking to raise $25 million from advertising, the city now allows garbage cans, electrical storage boxes and bridges to be used for ads — a vinyl Bank of America banner hangs on the 81-year-old Wabash Avenue Bridge. (AP)

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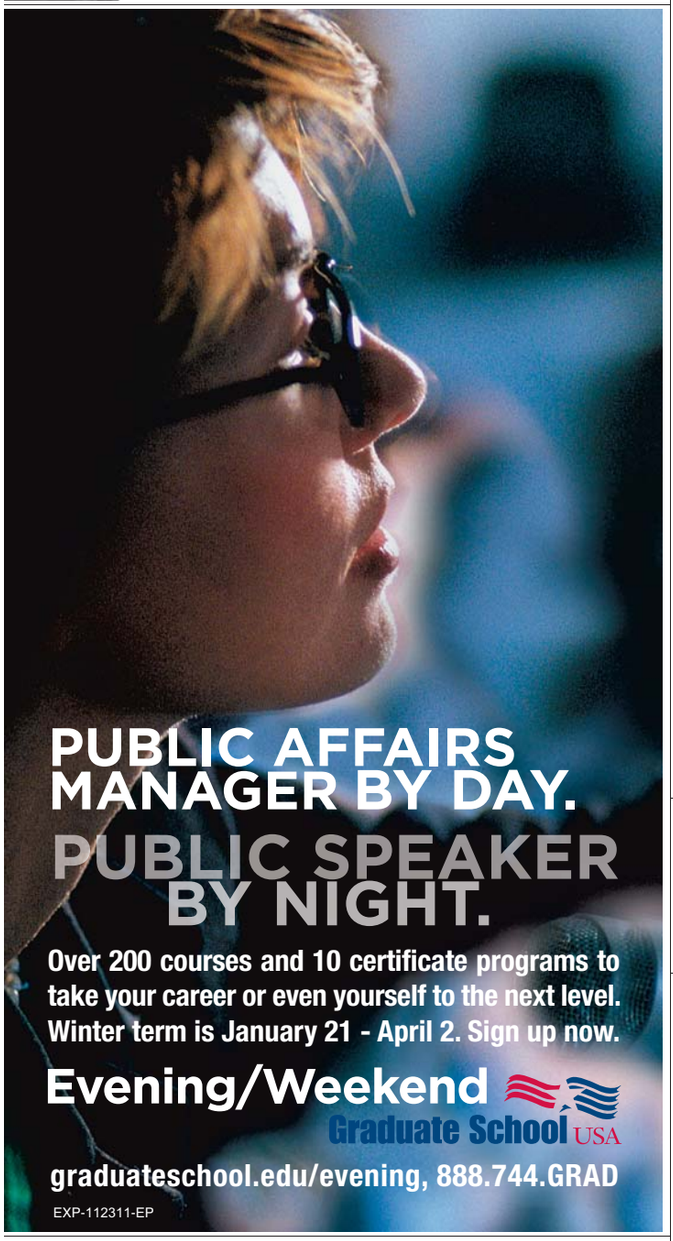

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'Dream Machine' to Explore Mars

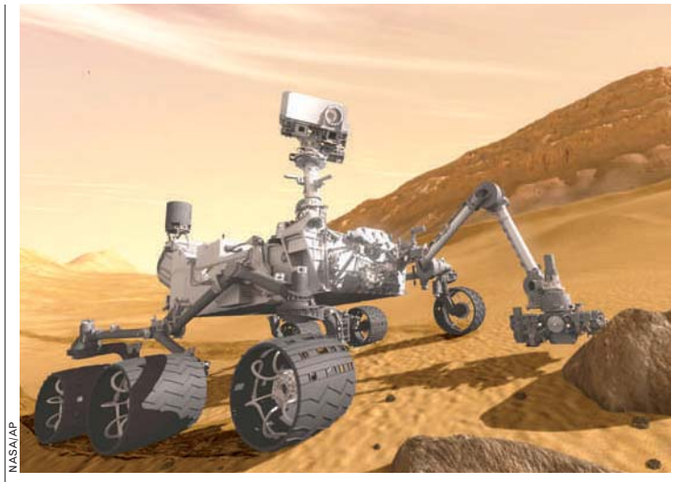
Cape Canaveral, Fla.

As big as a car and as well-equipped as a laboratory, NASA's newest Mars rover blows away its predecessors in size and skill.

Nicknamed Curiosity and scheduled for launch on Saturday, the rover has a 7-foot arm tipped with a jackhammer and a laser to break through Martian red rock. What really makes it stand out: It can analyze rocks and soil with unprecedented accuracy.

"This is a Mars scientist's dream machine," said NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory's Ashwin Vasavada, the deputy project scientist.

Once on the red planet, Curiosity will be on the lookout for organic, carbon-containing compounds. While the rover can't actually detect the presence of living organisms, scientists hope to learn from the $2.5 billion, nuclear-powered mission whether Mars has — or ever had — what it takes to nurture microbial life.



NASA/AP

NASA's newest Mars rover, nicknamed Curiosity, shown here in an artist's rendering, will investigate whether the planet is or was able to sustain microbial life.

Curiosity will be "the largest and most complex piece of equipment ever placed on the surface of another planet," said Doug McCuistion, director of NASA's Mars exploration program.

The rover is scheduled to arrive at the mineral-rich Gale Crater next August.

It's a treacherous journey to Mars, and the road is littered with failures. In all, more than three dozen missions have aimed over the decades at the most Earth-like planet known, and fewer than half have succeeded. MARCIA DUNN (AP)

No Tax for Jack

Jack Daniel's officials are toasting the defeat of a proposal to tax whiskey at its celebrated Tennessee distillery. The Moore County Council in Lynchburg, Tenn., voted 10-5 Monday evening to kill a proposal that could have taxed Jack Daniel's up to $5 million annually, with all the revenue going to local coffers. Supporters of the proposal said the issue is dead for now and they may quit trying. (AP)

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Ruler Vows to Hasten Egypt Vote

Protesters skeptical of military refuse to leave Tahrir Square

Cairo

Egypt's military ruler promised Tuesday to speed up a presidential election to the first half of 2012 and said the armed forces were prepared to hold a referendum on immediately shifting power to civilians — concessions swiftly rejected by tens of thousands of protesters in Tahrir Square, who chanted, "Leave! Leave!"

The latest standoff plunged the country deeper into crisis less than a week before parliamentary elections, the first since the ouster nine months ago of longtime authoritarian leader Hosni Mubarak.

In a televised address, Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi rejected all criticism of the military's handling of the transitional period and sought to cast himself and the generals on the military council he heads as the nation's foremost patriots. Significantly, he made no mention of the throngs of protesters gathered in Tahrir Square to demand that he step down immediately in favor of an interim civilian council.

Tantawi spoke as protesters fought soldiers and police for a fourth day in streets leading to the iconic square that was the birthplace of Egypt's uprising. Nearly 30 have been killed in the violence.

Tantawi did not mention a specific date for a presidential election or when the military would return to its barracks. Furthermore, his offer for the military to step down immediately if the people so wished in a referendum was vague at best, but it also mirrored the generals' aversion to the youth groups that engineered the 18-day uprising that ousted Mubarak. (AP)

KHALIL HAMRA/AP

An Egyptian riot police officer fires tear gas during clashes with protesters near Tahrir Square in Cairo on Tuesday. Nearly 30 protesters have been killed recently.

"We are getting déjà vu of Mubarak. It was a terrible speech, and it means nothing."

— **NEVINE ABU GHEIT,** A PROTESTER IN TAHRIR SQUARE WHO WAS NOT SATISFIED THAT EGYPT'S MILITARY RULERS ARE INTERESTED IN REFORMS AFTER THE OUSTER OF HOSNI MUBARAK.

Americans Arrested

Derrik Sweeney, a 19-year-old Georgetown University student; Luke Gates, a 21-year-old Indiana University student; and Gregory Porter, a 19-year-old Drexel University student, were arrested on Tuesday in Cairo when they were caught throwing firebombs at security forces near Tahrir Square, Egyptian officials said. Their questioning set for Tuesday was postponed. (AP)

In Brief

TRIPOLI, LIBYA

ICC Pushes for Fair Trial For Gadhafi's Son in Libya

Seif al-Islam

The International Criminal Court's prosecutor, Luis Moreno-Ocampo, held talks Tuesday with Libyan authorities on ensuring a fair trial for Moammar Gadhafi's son Seif al-Islam, who was caught last weekend. While Seif al-Islam is charged with crimes against humanity by the ICC, Moreno-Ocampo conceded the Libyans have the authority to try him at home. (AP)

ISLAMABAD

U.S. Envoy Resigns

Hussain Haqqani, Pakistan's envoy to the United States, resigned Tuesday, losing a bruising battle with the country's powerful generals to keep his job over allegations he wrote a memo to Washington asking for its help to stop them from carrying out a supposed coup. (AP)

UNITED NATIONS

U.N. Condemns Syria

A key U.N. committee voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to condemn human rights violations by President Bashar Assad's government and call for an immediate end to all violence, signaling growing international opposition to Syria's eight-month crackdown on civilians. (AP)

Hacked Off: Elle Macpherson fired her business adviser for leaking secrets, but journalists were actually getting juicy details about the supermodel by hacking into her phone, the former aide told a British inquiry into media ethics Tuesday. In testimony that illuminated the human costs of the illegal practice, Mary-Ellen Field described how she lost both her job for Macpherson and one at an advisory firm because of the unfounded suspicions. (AP)

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World

5K Emails Leaked Before Climate Talks

University suspects releases connected to 2009 hacking

London

The British university whose stolen emails caused a global climate science controversy in 2009 says those behind the breach have apparently released a second and potentially far larger batch of old messages.

University of East Anglia spokesman Simon Dunford said that while academics didn't have the chance yet to examine the roughly 5,000 emails apparently dumped into the public domain Tuesday, a small sample examined by the university "appears to be genuine."

The university said that the emails did not appear to be the result of a new breach. Instead, they appeared to have been stolen two years ago and held back until now "to cause maximum disruption" to the U.N. climate talks next week in Durban, South Africa.

If that is confirmed, the timing and nature of the leak would follow the pattern set by the so-called "Climategate" emails, which caught prominent scientists stonewalling critics and discussing ways to keep opponents' research out of peer-reviewed journals.

Although their context couldn't be determined, the excerpts from the newly released emails appeared to show climate scientists talking in conspiratorial tones about ways to promote their agenda and freeze out those they disagree with. The source of the latest leaked emails was unclear. RAPHAEL G. SATTER (AP)

The Queen Talks Turkey

O/LEFTERIS PITARAKIS/AP

QUEEN ELIZABETH II and Turkish President Abdullah Gul arrive in a carriage Tuesday at Buckingham Palace in central London. Gul's three-day visit is aimed at forging stronger economic ties between the two nations.

Hearsay

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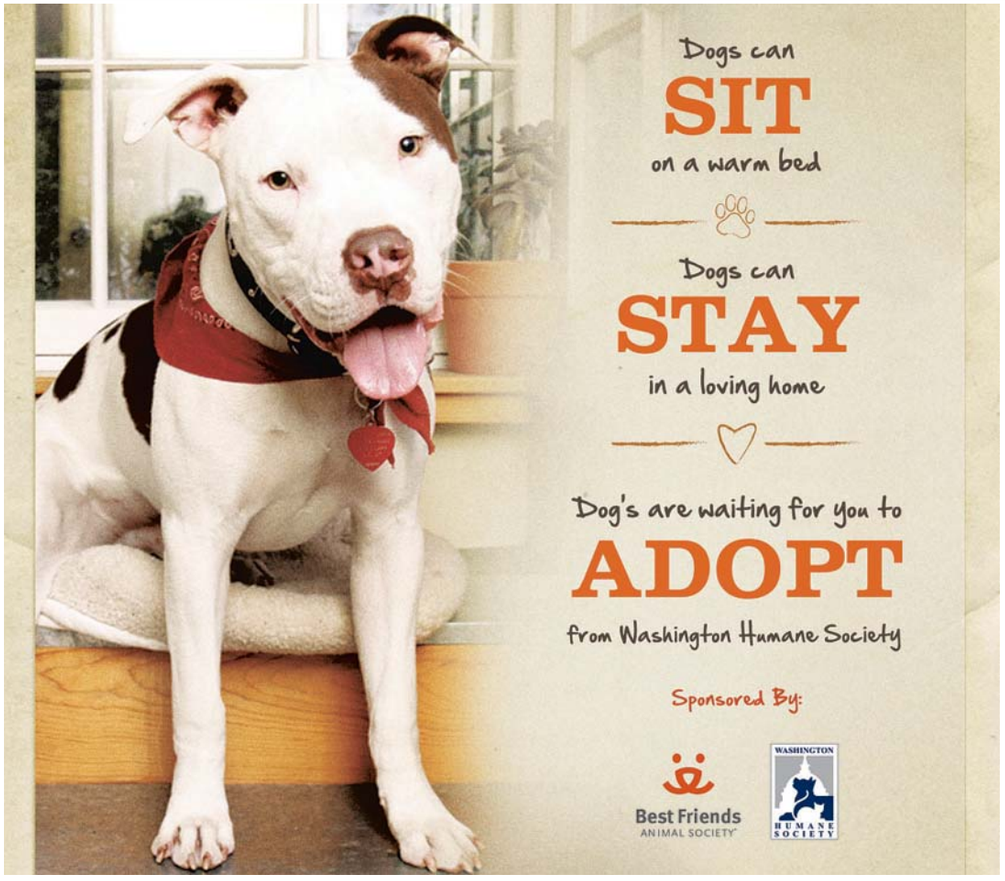
93% **The portion of Italians** who believe cutting the national debt is their top priority, according to an AP-GfK poll released Tuesday. But only 26 percent of those surveyed favored raising the retirement age from 65 to 67 to cut spending. (AP)



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Trimming Thanksgiving

For health and economic reasons, many scale down their holiday plans

Washington

The original Thanksgiving celebration was probably a 500-calorie meal that included small servings of venison, wild fowl and corn. It was eaten by men who were "chopping down wood with axes and hauling it home," said Kathleen Wall, colonial foodways culinarian at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth, Mass., a living museum of the 17th century. "These guys were not on the couch watching TV."

Over the years, Thanksgiving has become a national binge, with overeating virtually a patriotic responsibility. These days, bellying up to a bountiful meal, Wall said, is "so last century." So much so that some Washington-area residents say they are trying to opt out of the chow fest and downsize food's role in the holiday.

For the first time, Julia Paik will spend Thanksgiving morning leading a 5K team to raise money for SOME (So Others Might Eat), an organization that serves the homeless and hungry in Washington. The teams have given themselves names such as "Huffin' for the Stuffing." Paik's seven-member team is called "Shakin' Jelly, for that Belly!"

"Health is part of it. Also, unemployment is at a record high," said Paik, 32, who works at a social justice nongovernmental organization and lives in Rockville. "It just seemed like the right thing this year."

The holiday invariably reflects the times. "Having to look at Thanksgiving over the last 400 years, I find that it's always a barometer for the country. It's a shape-shifting holiday," Wall said. She noted that in the 1970s, there was a countercultural movement against Thanksgiving because it seemed to ignore the killings of Native Americans that unfolded in the years after the friendly feast. Some Native American groups held "Days of Mourning" and "Un-Thanksgiving."

Part of the emotional tug of Thanksgiving gluttony comes from America's creation myth: triumphing over scarcity to become the wealthiest nation on the planet. What could be more American than a holiday that celebrates our near-extinction with overindulgence? chuckled Brian Wansink, who served as executive director of the USDA's Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion from 2007 to 2009.

"It's a very powerful part of our mythology. We were poor; then we were rich. It impacts us at the table," said Wansink, author of the book "Mindless Eating: Why We Eat More Than We Think."

Today's Thanksgiving meals can balloon to more than 4,000 calories, said Neal Barnard, who is featured in the documentary "Forks Over Knives," which argues that Americans are endangering their health by eating too much meat.

"The problem is, in the old days, having a feast was in contrast to the rest of the year," said Barnard, an associate professor of medicine at George Washington University. "Now, every day is a feast."

EMILY WAX (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Priced Out of Holidays

Some are holding potluck dinners instead of springing for the entire feast. Others are staying home rather than flying. And a few are skipping the turkey altogether. On this, the fourth Thanksgiving since the economy sank, prices for most everything, including flights and groceries, are going up, and some Americans are scaling back. In Pawtucket, R.I. — where the unemployment rate is 12.1 percent, Jackie Galinis was among those looking for help to put a proper meal on the table. She stopped at a community center this week seeking a donated food basket. But by the time she arrived, all 300 turkeys had been claimed. "I think I've got red meat in the freezer, some corned beef. We could do a boiled dinner." (AP)

"Thanksgiving is unusual because the standard items are fairly nutritious and could be a lot worse. But people certainly pig out."

— **MICHAEL JACOBSON,** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR SCIENCE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, WHICH PUBLISHES THE NUTRITION ACTION HEALTHLETTER.

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The estimated portion of adults in the United States who were overweight or obese in 2009, according to the Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index. (TWP)

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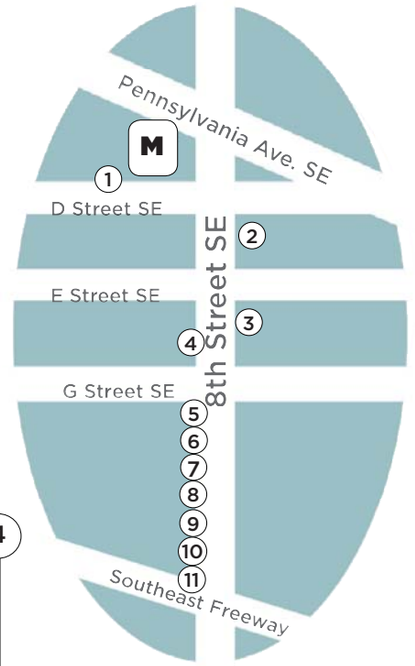

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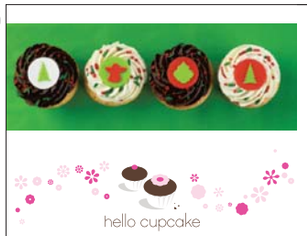

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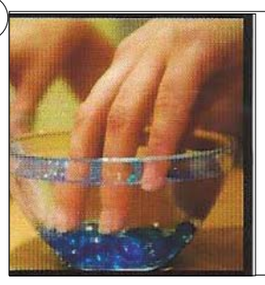

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Bus Transit Grant Awarded in Md.

Montgomery County gets $260K to plan 150-mile lane network

Rockville, Md.

Montgomery County has received a $260,000 grant it plans to use in the planning of a bus rapid-transit system that county officials say would provide the convenience, comfort and reliability of light rail.

A 20-member county transit task force is studying how to build and pay for a 150-mile network of dedicated bus lanes to reduce traffic congestion and improve mobility for riders.

Backstory

Supporters of Bus Rapid Transit, or BRT, say Montgomery County could form a "Science & Health Triangle" connecting major employers, such as the National Institutes of Health and Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda; the emerging "science city" in Gaithersburg; and the Food and Drug Administration complex in White Oak. Developers in Bethesda's White Flint area say BRT would attract businesses and residents to clusters of high-rises being planned. The BRT plans are separate from a proposed 16-mile Purple Line light rail link between Bethesda and New Carrollton, and a 14-mile Corridor Cities Transitway being planned for the I-270 corridor in upper Montgomery. (TWP)

The Rockefeller Foundation grant — part of an initiative to assist localities in the United States to plan and construct bus rapid-transit systems — will be used to hire consultants to conduct studies and research other areas with such systems already in place, officials said.

"I'm excited to see the Rockefeller Foundation's recognition of Montgomery County's proposed rapid transit system's potential as a model for the nation," Montgomery County Council member Marc Elrich, D-At Large, who serves on the task force, said in a statement.

"It's economically affordable, reduces congestion and helps to improve air quality."

The county has not determined how it would pay for the express bus network in tight economic times. Building the system could cost $2.5 billion, according to one preliminary study.

However, advocates say the per-mile cost is much less than constructing light rail or extending Metro. LUZ LAZO (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Metro: Man Hurt After Jump off Parking Garage

Springfield, Va.

A man jumped off the fourth level of the Metro parking garage at the Franconia-Springfield station Tuesday, according to transit officials.

The incident happened around 12:15 p.m. Tuesday. The man's name was not released, and Metro said he suffered "non-life-threatening" injuries, according to Cathy Asato, a Metro spokeswoman.

She said he appeared to have intentionally jumped from the parking garage. DANA HEDGPETH (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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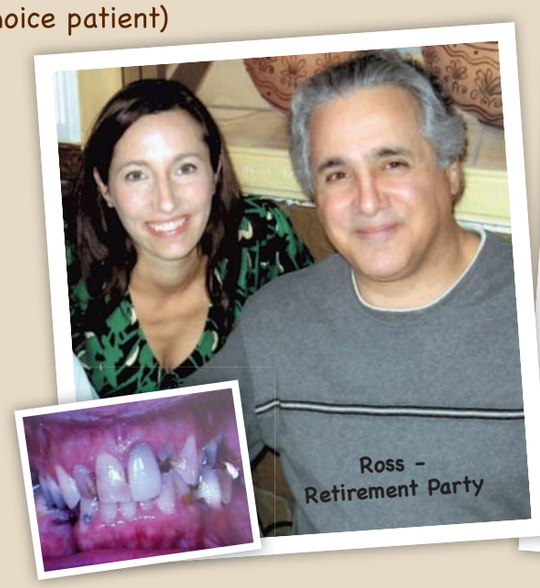

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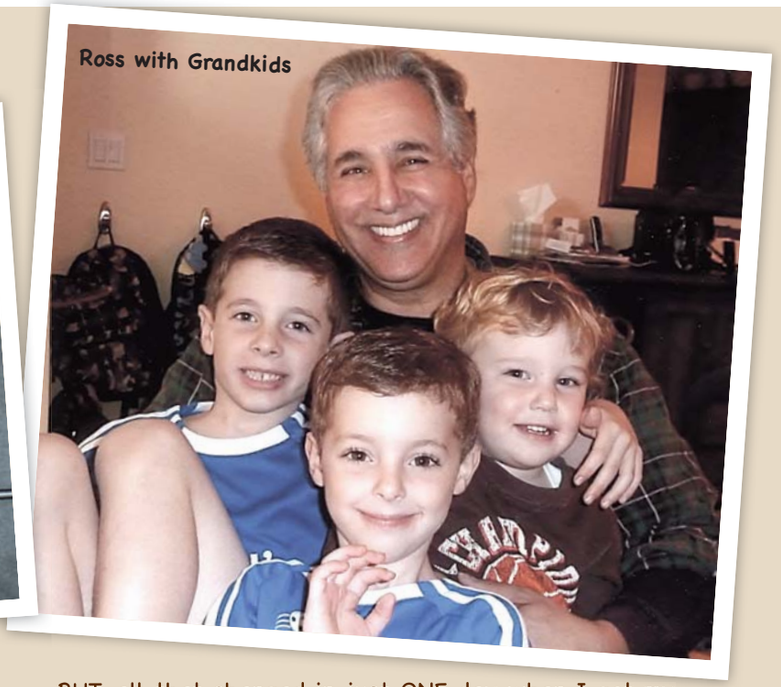

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In Brief

WASHINGTON

Feds: Ex-Pr. George's Exec Deserves Long Sentence

Johnson

Federal prosecutors say former Prince George's County executive Jack Johnson deserves a long prison sentence for his role in what they call one of the most audacious corruption schemes in Maryland history. Johnson pleaded guilty in May to shaking down developers and collecting between $400,000 and $1 million in bribes. Prosecutors say in a sentencing memorandum that Johnson "criminally and shamelessly flouted the public trust." His sentencing is scheduled for Dec. 6. (AP)

ROCKVILLE

ICC's Second Leg Opens

Approximately 11 miles of a new toll road linking Maryland's Montgomery and Prince George's counties opened Tuesday. The newest section of the Intercounty Connector runs from Georgia Avenue to just east of I-95. The first seven miles of the $2.55 billion roadway opened to the public in February. Driving on the entire 18 miles of the roadway will be toll-free until Dec. 4. (AP)

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From Wall Street to Washington

N.Y.C. protesters get to D.C. after 231-mile trek down East Coast

Washington

Weary and wet, Occupy Wall Street protesters completed their 231-mile walk from New York to the District on Tuesday, arriving in muddy McPherson Square to begin plotting the next phase of their effort to get Americans to pay attention to their message of economic inequality.

After spending the night in College Park, about 100 marchers — including a dozen of the original 21 who set out from lower Manhattan nearly two weeks ago — marched through Northeast Washington before arriving on K Street at about 3 p.m.

With a police escort, the group carried a tie-dyed peace flag, a U.S. flag, and a yellow bandana affixed to a stick into McPherson Square, home to the growing Occupy D.C. encampment.

BILL O'LEARY/TWP

Sarah Handyside, center, and Melvin Hicks, left (with drum), march down K Street as they arrive with a group of Occupy Wall Streeters at the camp in McPherson Square.

"I will march till my feet bleed to make this point," Mike Gibb, 21, of Bel Air, Md., told several dozen reporters and well wishers at the park. "You may ask why I went on this march. I ask you, why didn't you?"

Another protester, Darin Annussek, hobbled into D.C. on crouches after he got severe shin splints two days earlier.

"I know there is a lot of complacency, but you just can't settle," said Annussek, 36. "You have to keep fighting for things, and I feel personally this movement speaks to something." TIM CRAIG (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Meanwhile ...

Members of the Occupy D.C. movement living in McPherson Square say a person has been removed from the square after being accused of sexual assault and theft. But a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's office says prosecutors aren't filing charges in the case. U.S. Park Police confirmed Tuesday that a person was taken into custody Monday evening after the accusation. (AP)

Walmart to Fund Jobs Program

Washington

Walmart officials and the District government say they have signed a community benefits agreement offering fresh commitments on hiring and contracting as the retailer prepares to open a series of stores in the city.

Under the deal, Walmart agrees to seek District small- and minority-owned businesses for construction of its stores; create and fund training programs aimed at populations suffering from high unemployment rates; and open hiring centers in the wards where the chain opens stores.

The chain also agreed not to sell guns or ammunition and to install bike-sharing stations and bike racks at its District stores — features that will distinguish the new stores from many of its others across the country.

JEFFREY MACMILLAN/FTWP

Walmart agreed to install bike-sharing stations at its six future D.C. locations.

The community benefits deal follows a year of on-and-off negotiations between representatives of the chain and city officials, after Walmart announced last November that it planned to open four stores in the city, in wards 4, 5, 6 and 7. The company has since added two sites to its plans, in wards 4 and 7.

Walmart posted a five-page summary of the agreement on its D.C. website Tuesday, saying it was committed to "working collaboratively" to improve the neighborhoods it served and that it would offer "merchandise and services reflective of the community." JONATHAN O'CONNELL (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Va. Voter Group Slams Delay in Redistricting

Richmond, Va.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia on Tuesday accused Republicans of playing politics by delaying the drawing of the state's 11 congressional districts until next year.

"Punting the redistricting football further down the field isn't just a blatantly partisan tactic; it is one that could lead to massive voter confusion," said Lynn Gordon, the group's president.

The state House and Senate passed competing plans earlier this year but were never able to agree on a map. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

9% **The increase in the number of people on probation and parole** in D.C. last year, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. The city's number rose from 13,600 on Jan. 1, 2010, to 14,800 by the end of the year. The same data show that the number dropped 6.3 percent in Maryland, 2 percent in Virginia and 1.3 percent nationwide. (AP)

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Thanks for Nothin'

This year, it's a pretty short holiday list for the Redskins

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Losing For Landry

The Redskins are halfway toward a 12-game losing streak. Barring an unforeseen victory at Seattle this week, Washington's schedule down the stretch is perfectly conducive to continued failure — the Jets, Patriots, Giants, Vikings and Eagles remain — allowing them to rocket up the draft board. That's great news for a team in need of a franchise quarterback.

Unfortunately for the Redskins, the Colts are en route to a winless season and will likely have first dibs on Stanford's Andrew Luck. But at least one of the trio of Oklahoma's Landry Jones, Southern Cal's Matt Barkley and Boise State's Kellen Moore should available for Washington.

Sooner, Better? Oklahoma's Landry Jones may be a good choice for the Redskins, who will have a high pick in this year's draft.

A primary competitor for a QB, the Miami Dolphins have helped the cause by coming to life recently and holding the tiebreaker due to their head-to-head win.

Losing a dozen straight would be painful, but there's no question the Redskins are desperately in need of a top-tier quarterback, and desperate times call for desperate measures.

TOM PENNINGTON/GETTY IMAGES

Rex Grossman has seen his share of lows this year, but he's no John Beck.

Rex Grossman, INT Machine

If a team is to be awful at a particular position, like Washington is at quarterback, why not go with the worst choice and truly savor the ride? Rex Grossman is not a very good QB, but at least he's an entertaining one.

Do you remember the Beck era? Of course you don't, because it was boring.

Yes, it may be painful to watch Grossman hurl another interception at the most inopportune time, but ol' Rex is a gunslinger, and when you fire that many bullets, a few are bound to go astray.

Do you remember the John Beck era? Of course you don't, because it was BORING. Beck was about as dry as your grandmother's fruitcake, and his personality came through on the field in his endless array of 4-yard checkdowns.

With Grossman, you're never quite sure where the ball is going (although, strangely, the defenders seem to have it figured out), which makes the experience even more thrilling.

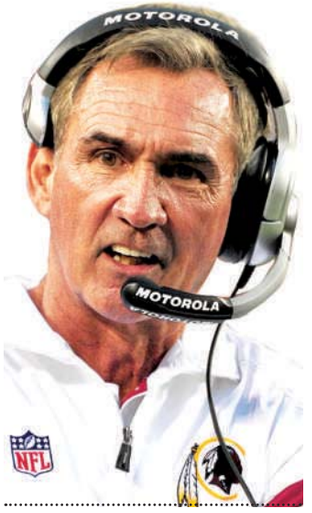
Ex-Coaches' TV Contracts

For reasons beyond our comprehension, the suits at ESPN love former coach Jon Gruden, recently inking him to a long-term deal that will keep him on "Monday Night Football" and away from Dan Snyder's private plane.

TV has also been a powerful lure for former coach Bill Cowher, who seems content yukking it up on the set of "The NFL Today" and off Snyder's yacht.

The last thing the Redskins need is another big-name coach turning everything over and creating another rebuilding period, with Snyder promising fans the world, only to see the same old sub-.500 mess.

We already have a fine mess here with Mike Shanahan — why mess with what's (not) working?



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TV Lineup

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Frank Beamer's Hokies face Virginia Saturday for a spot in the ACC title game.

Wednesday

7 P.M. The Caps try to win a second-straight game when facing the Winnipeg Jets. CSN

Thursday

12:30 P.M. Kick off Thanksgiving by watching Aaron Rodgers' Packers try to improve to 11-0 when visiting the Lions. Fox

4 P.M. Drink every time Leon Lett is mentioned when the Cowboys play the Dolphins in Dallas. CBS

8 P.M. For the first time, coaches who are brothers meet when Jim Harbaugh's 49ers visit John Harbaugh's Ravens. NFL

Friday

2:30 P.M. No. 1 LSU, which remains undefeated, hosts No. 3 Arkansas in an SEC game with major BCS implications. CBS

5 P.M. Will Bruce Boudreau still be coaching the Caps when they face off against the New York Rangers? CSN

Saturday

12:30 P.M. The Terps' dreary football season ends with a game at N.C. State. Fox5

3:30 P.M. Virginia and Virginia Tech square off with a spot in the ACC title game on the line. ABC

3:30 P.M. No. 2 Alabama is in position to move up to No. 1 if it can defeat defending BCS champion Auburn in the annual "Iron Bowl." ABC

Sunday

4 P.M. Misery comes later this Sunday when the Redskins visit the Seahawks in an early-evening game. Fox

200 **The number of wins** Bruce Boudreau has collected since taking over as coach of the Capitals in November 2007, making him the coach to reach that milestone the fastest. Boudreau's 200th win came Monday night against the Phoenix Coyotes amid calls for Washington to fire its coach due to a recent slump. (EXPRESS)

Sports

The Holiday Feast

After so many years of the Lions being so bad — and their games, no matter the week, meaning so little — all of a sudden, that traditional Turkey Day contest in the Motor City is no turkey at all: Detroit, at 7-3, hosts the Super Bowl-champion Green Bay Packers, at 10-0. And that's only the appetizer for a tremendously compelling three-game football feast, including the Harbaugh Bowl at night. It's as if the NFL is wishing all of its fans a hearty "Happy Thanksgiving!" (AP)

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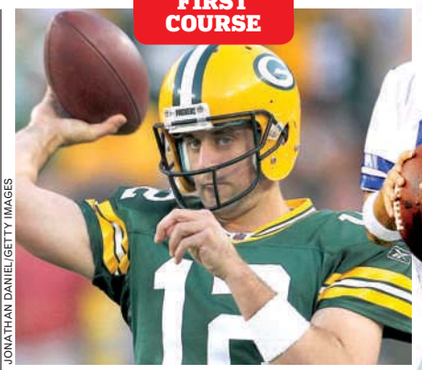

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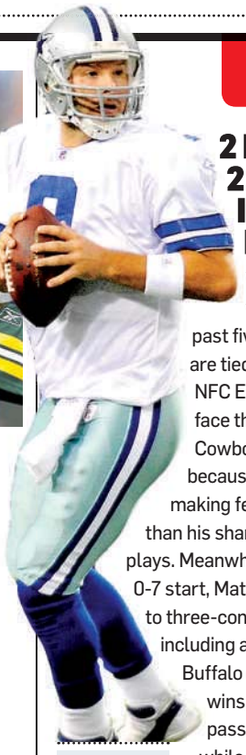
Old-Fashioned Opener

Whether they realize it or not, the Detroit Lions hope history repeats itself this week. The Lions face unbeaten Green Bay on Thursday, nearly 49 years to the day after Detroit beat the Packers on Thanksgiving to hand them their only loss of the 1962 season. That Green Bay team was defending an NFL championship. This year's Packers squad, led by sure-fire NFL MVP Aaron Rodgers, above, is coming off a Super Bowl victory. In 1962, the Packers were 10-0 before losing to the Lions. They're 10-0 now, too.

12:30 P.M.
FOX

Another Fun Fact: Detroit has lost a franchise-record seven-straight games — by an average of more than 20 points — on Thanksgiving.

SECOND COURSE



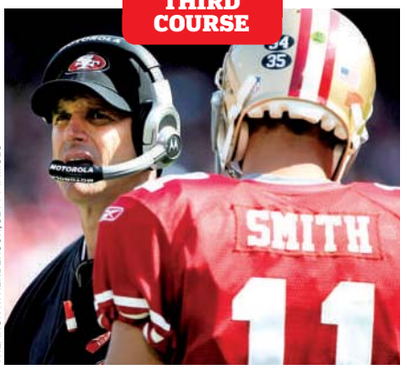
2 Hots QBs, 2 Hot Teams In 1 Intriguing Matchup

With three-straight victories and four in the past five games, the Cowboys are tied for first place in the NFC East as they prepare to face the Miami Dolphins. The Cowboys have been winning because Tony Romo, left, is making few mistakes and more than his share of smart, stellar plays. Meanwhile, after the Dolphins' 0-7 start, Matt Moore has led Miami to three-consecutive victories, including a 35-8 drubbing of Buffalo on Sunday. In those wins, he has six touchdown passes and one interception while completing 71 percent of his throws and averaging 8.5 yards per attempt.

4 P.M.
FOX

Another Fun Fact: Tony Romo is 18-2 with 49 touchdown passes and 12 interceptions for his career in November. His stats got a bump last week with a three-touchdown performance against the Redskins.

THIRD COURSE



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Have Family, Will Travel

Jim Harbaugh is too busy preparing for a short week and cross-country trip to Baltimore to reflect much on his history-making matchup against big brother and Ravens coach John. This is the first game featuring siblings on opposite sidelines as head coaches. San Francisco's Harbaugh also believes this will be the first time since the schedule became 16 games that a West Coast team has had to fly three time zones after a Sunday game to play on Thursday. It is the first time a team has gone three time zones for a Thanksgiving game since the Los Angeles Rams won at Detroit in 1975.

8 P.M.
NFL Network

Another Fun Fact: The 49ers can clinch the NFL West title with a win and a loss by the Seahawks on Sunday.

In Brief

PRO BASEBALL

Braun Wins NL MVP

Milwaukee's Ryan Braun won the NL Most Valuable Player Award on Tuesday after helping lead the Brewers to their first division title in nearly 30 years. He's the first Milwaukee player to win a league MVP award since Robin Yount did so in 1989, when the Brewers were still in the AL. (AP)

PRO BASEBALL

MLB OKs New Labor Deal

Baseball players and owners signed an agreement for a new labor contract Tuesday, a deal that makes baseball the first North American professional major league to start blood testing for human growth hormone and expands the playoffs to 10 teams by 2013. (AP)

'It's Never Been About Gender'

Headed to Turkey Bowl, Coolidge coach changes perceptions

High School Football

Natalie Randolph is a novelty no more — at least not in these halls. She's even better: a winner.

Twenty months ago, the national media swarmed to D.C.'s Coolidge High School to observe a curiosity — a press conference to announce the hiring of a female high school varsity head football coach, believed to be the only one in the country. The special guest was the mayor, who just happened to be running for re-election.

Last Friday, students flocked to the school's gymnasium for a celebration. Randolph has led the Colts to an 8-2 record and a berth in the Turkey Bowl city championship on Thanksgiving Day. The noteworthy guest was longtime NFL receiver and Coolidge graduate Jerry Porter, visiting from his California home.

JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

Natalie Randolph will lead Coolidge against Dunbar in the Turkey Bowl.

"Everybody had that demeanor of 'She's a girl coach; she's a female. Now this year, it's a 'dedicated coach.'"

— **COOLIDGE WR DAYON PRATT,** ON HOW NATALIE RANDOLPH IS PERCEIVED THESE DAYS.

"I got word Coolidge was in the Turkey Bowl and I was, like, 'Yeah, I've got to come check it out,'" Porter said. "It's huge. Because when I was here, we didn't have very many winning seasons. We mostly watched the Turkey Bowl."

And the fact that Randolph is a woman is so yesterday. She could be the Man (or Woman) from Mars if it meant being on the field for that 11 a.m. Thanksgiving kickoff. When Coolidge faces Dunbar (8-3) on Thursday — a rematch of a game Dunbar won in overtime earlier this month — the last thing on Randolph's mind will be the game's sociological impact.

"People have kind of forgotten about it, so that makes it nice," Randolph told the AP. "But it's always been about football. It's never been about gender or whatever, at least not for me." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

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BIG LOVE

In the kingdom of quirk-rock, no band looms larger than They Might Be Giants. E5

SHERVIN LAINEZ

on the spot

THE SWELL SEASON — folk-band buddies Glen Hansard and Marketa Irglova — charmed audiences in 2008, when its ballad "Falling Slowly" from the indie film "Once" won an Oscar. In the movie, Hansard and Irglova played Dubliners who make beautiful music together. In real life, the two fell in love as they made that music — and then they broke up. A new documentary on the duo, "The Swell Season" (co-directed by Nick August-Perna, Carlo Mirabella-Davis and Chris Dapkins), tags along on two years of Hansard and Irglova's post-Oscar world tour. August-Perna spoke to Express about the film.

What impact did "Once" have on your documentary?

It created this parallel life for Glen and Marketa. I think a lot of people saw "Once" as a documentary. But we were really interested in this couple that was under the scrutiny both of the world and of us.

How did Glen and Marketa react to your filming their relationship?

They were quite hesitant to have the romance be the subject of the documentary, and it took some convincing. They were very much in love when we embarked on the tour.

How would you characterize their connection with their fans?

Theirs is a different relationship to fans than most. I always think about how fans would never go up to Bob Dylan and say, "Can I give you a hug?" People feel very comfortable with Glen and Marketa. They're very open and bare onstage.

LARRY BUSACCA/GETTY IMAGES

Nick August-Perna

CO-DIRECTOR, 'THE SWELL SEASON'

"People feel very comfortable with Glen and Marketa. They're very open and bare onstage."

Lately, they've been touring separately. Does that surprise you?

There was always the idea that this might happen. And, of course, there's this double meaning to the idea of "The Swell Season," which is the name of their band but also a name for a special time period they went through together. We all felt that it was an ephemeral, intense, fleeting part of their lives.

KATIE ABERBACH (EXPRESS)

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Variables Are the Spice of Life

The Koshland shows how fun manipulating scientific data can be

At a conventional museum, you press buttons to call the elevators or play tinny recordings. At the Marian Koshland Science Museum, you press buttons to play God. By "play God," we mean, "manipulate data to save/stabilize/destroy Chicago/Earth/everything."

Sites Unseen

The Seeing Science exhibit straight-up asks, "What Is the Fate of the Universe?" To decide, start with the "Find the Dark Matter" exercise. Adjust the relationship between star velocity and dark matter — mass that can't be observed directly — for a sudden and miraculous understanding of a brain-melting concept. For an encore, reprogram the Big Bang.

Backstory: Marian Koshland was an immunologist whose husband, biochemist Daniel Koshland Jr., came from a wealthy family. After her death in 1997, he gave $25 million to the National Academy of Sciences to create the Koshland, which opened in 2004.

KOSHLAND SCIENCE MUSEUM

In the Earth Lab, you set policies to mitigate climate change. It's fun! Really!

Marian Koshland Science Museum

If You Go: 525 E St. NW.; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (closed Tuesdays), $3-$5; 202-334-1201, Koshland-science-museum.org.

Get There: Near the Gallery Place, Judiciary Square and Archives Metro stops.

Highlights: Talk to the friendly human at the table and she'll explain the differences between incandescent, CFL and LED bulbs. The latter, relative newcomers to the lighting scene, are meant to last a few decades. The Infectious Disease Gallery elegantly answers bulky questions such as "What annual percentage decrease in vaccinations would leave Chicago susceptible to a measles epidemic within 20 years?" In the Earth Lab, soothing pastel touchscreens demand tough policymaking. Choose the priorities and tactics you think will lead to significantly reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, then watch your scenario play out in graphic detail (as in "with graphs," not "with realistic violence") on the wall before you.

Gift Shop: None — and you really wanted to buy an LED bulb! (ZetaLuxes can be had for $10 to $15 on Amazon.) The Earth Lab sim lets you email your climate change strategy portfolio — a thoughtful present for any congressional rep.

HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

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They Might Be Giants' full band features (from left) singer/rhythm guitarist John Flansburgh, drummer Marty Bellers, singer/multi-instrumentalist John Linnell, bassist Danny Weinkauf and guitarist Dan Miller.

ODDBALL FUTURE

Weirdo-rockers They Might Be Giants are winning over a new generation of fans

Music

In the beginning (well, in the '80s), long before "indie rock" or "alternative" became mainstream genres, earnest young bands like R.E.M. and the Minutemen prowled the underground with serious messages and music to match. Fortunately, They Might Be Giants arrived to introduce some experimental levity to the era, building a legacy of whimsy that's still echoed in bands such as the Flaming Lips and Weezer.

Singer/multi-instrumentalist John Linnell and singer/rhythm guitarist John Flansburgh formed TMBG nearly 30 years ago in Brooklyn, N.Y., writing catchy, oddball songs and toting along even stranger stage props, including accordions, giant fezes and enormous papier-mâché heads.

"We had no idea where this was headed," says Linnell, from his basement workshop in Brooklyn. "When we started this, I don't think we even knew who it was for — we just thought it was for us. We just made records that we would want to buy. That turned out to be a very good move, because I think if we'd been calculating, we would have wound up not doing it for so long."

The band has had some unlikely hits over the years. Their cover of the 1950s joke-tune "Istanbul (Not Constantinople)" (from their second record, 1990's "Flood") takes exactly one bar to become lodged in your head all day. "Birdhouse in Your Soul" (also from "Flood") remains one of the best kooky love songs of all time. And they finally won their first Grammy, for 2002's "Boss of Me," the theme song for the TV series "Malcolm in the Middle."

But TMBG are perhaps more notorious for their ambitious songwriting projects. In the early '80s, the group launched Dial-a-Song, a project in which they distributed new material over an answering machine, publishing the phone number in publications including the Village Voice. While touring for their 2004 album "The Spine," they wrote a new song for each venue they played and recorded it during soundcheck, ultimately releasing the concept album "Venue Songs."

Today, TMBG is bringing its music to a new crop of fans, releasing the well-received "Join Us" last July. They're also winning some much younger ones with a slate of nuanced children's albums, including 2005's "Here Come the ABCs" and 2009's "Here Comes Science."

With the band's original fans now having children of their own, TMBG is a nice bridge between generations. "We're the poster band for picking up younger audience members," says Linnell. "Not just because of the kids' music, but because for some reason we continue to attract teenagers and college-age people. We end up with a really broad range of ages in our crowd. It's been very lucky for us. I think we would have a much smaller audience if we were just trying to hold onto our original crowd."

That's the secret to the band's longevity: Their music appeals to the kid in every adult and the adult in every kid.

STEPHEN M. DEUSNER

"When we started this, I don't think we even knew who it was for. ... We just made records that we would want to buy."

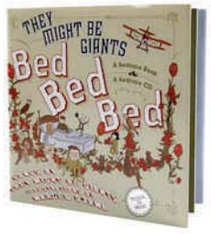
— THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS SINGER/MULTI-INSTRUMENTALIST **JOHN LINNELL**

5 Essential TMBG Songs

"Ana Ng"
"Lincoln," 1988 This tune's infectious "Everything sticks like a broken record" refrain is immediately recognizable, but the song's meaning — is it a love song to someone they've never met? — remains a bit of a puzzle.

"Birdhouse in Your Soul"
"Flood," 1990 This was the group's biggest radio hit, and one of its most serious songs, hinting at big ideas about humanity and the nature of God.

"The Statue Got Me High"
"Apollo 18," 1992 No one has written a more colorful song about being zapped by laser beams from an animated statue: "My coat contained a furnace where there used to be a guy."



"Bed Bed Bed"
"No!," 2002 This ode to footy pajamas and night-lights was made into a 2003 children's book with Marcel Dzama illustrations, shown above.

"Can't Keep Johnny Down"
"Join Us," 2011 This dark-yet-catchy album standout imagines the world through the eyes of a bitter man shaking his fist at everyone, even astronauts. **S.D.**

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'When the Good Photographer Gets Lucky, He Doesn't Miss'

The Newseum pays tribute to a talented man on the sidelines

Exhibits

Legendary sports photographer Neil Leifer knows kismet plays a part in capturing a moment perfectly. But a shutterbug still has to capitalize on serendipity.

"What separates a really good sports photographer from the ordinary sports photographer is when the good photographer gets lucky, he doesn't miss," says Leifer, 69.

The former Sports Illustrated photographer rarely missed, but karma was certainly on Leifer's side the night he created his most famous image: a 1965 shot of Muhammad Ali standing over a downed Sonny Liston and yelling, "Get up and fight, sucker!" It was the second title bout between the heavyweights, and Ali hit Liston with such a quick right that it was dubbed a "phantom punch," causing much controversy.

"I'm very proud of that photo," Leifer says. "It's been good to me."

Leifer's unparalleled expertise behind the camera is on display at the Newseum's new exhibit, "Photo Finish: The Sports Photography of Neil Leifer." The collection includes 50 stunning images, including a shot of Alan Ameche's game-winning touchdown in the 1958 NFL championship (aka "the greatest game ever played") and one from the "Miracle on Ice" hockey game at the 1980 Winter Olympics. Despite taking photos for Sports Illustrated for 20 years, from 1958 to 1978, Leifer can easily pick out his favorite shot.

"The picture that I'm proudest of is the Ali-Williams picture, which was shot with a remote camera, looking straight down on the canvas," he says of his photo of the 1966 heavyweight championship bout between Ali and Cleveland "Big Cat" Williams. "Cleveland is stretched out, having been knocked down, and Ali is heading to a neutral corner with his arms up in the air in a victory pose. That picture is far and away the best picture I ever took."

When Leifer left Sports Illustrated for Time in 1978, he carved out a new career as a top-notch news photographer, and he now makes documentary films. But as the Newseum makes clear, Leifer's iconic sports shots are the work for which he'll be forever remembered — for his skills more than his luck.

CHRISTOPHER PORTER

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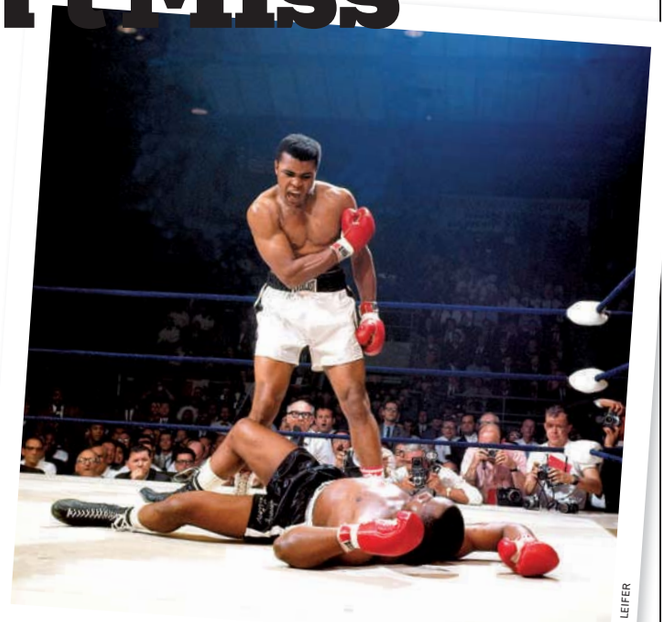

NEIL LEIFER

'I'm Very Proud Of That Photo'

"Luck was such a huge factor in that picture," sports photographer Neil Leifer says of the above shot of Muhammad Ali and Sonny Liston. "You have to be in the right seat. Look between Ali's legs; there's a bald photographer, a little older— Herb Scharfman, the other Sports Illustrated photographer."

PHOTO: CINDY FREY

The Lighter Side of Metal

The heavy rockers of Mastodon get surprisingly upbeat

Music

Mastodon's thematically rich, musically complex albums are objects of veneration among thinking metalheads. But with its latest album, the Atlanta quartet just wanted to make like Cyndi Lauper.

"Let's just try to have fun with it and write something that's happy or upbeat," said guitarist Bill Kelliher, recalling Mastodon's mindset before recording "The Hunter."

That feeling was a reaction to the group's experience with 2009's "Crack the Skye," a concept-heavy prog-metal epic that rewarded close listening — at home and in person, since Mastodon performed the entire LP on tour. But a concert isn't the best place to get lost in a complex story about astral travel.

"It was tiring playing the record every night from beginning to end," Kelliher said. "The 'Crack the Skye' thing was so deadpan and serious, more of a shoegazer kind of concert. Then we started playing the old songs during the set and people started going crazy. So we took that as, 'Let's just write a record full of songs again and don't attach a theme.'"

Whereas six of "Crack the Skye's" songs exceed five minutes (two are longer than 10), only two of the 13 tracks on "The Hunter" reach that mark. And while songs such as "The Sparrow" and "All the Heavy Lifting" address the serious subject of loss — and the album title is an homage to guitarist-singer Brent Hinds' brother, who died while Mastodon made "The Hunter" — "Curl the Burl" is about a meth head who snorts wood chips.

"'The Hunter' came together quite unlike any record we've done before," Kelliher said. In a surprise move, the band brought in hip-hop producer Mike Elizondo. There are no rap-rock cuts, but Elizondo did make each track snap, crackle and pop in ways previously unheard on a Mastodon record.

"We just had these skeletons of riffs and songs strewn together," Kelliher said. "But when we went into the studio, it was magic." Fun, even.

CHRISTOPHER PORTER

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A Little Big-Screen Romance

A young man's fling with Marilyn Monroe is the subject of a new star-powered film

Screen

Director Simon Curtis admits he was not much of a Marilyn Monroe fan when he began working on his new film, "My Week With Marilyn," which recounts her relationship in 1957 with a young errand boy on the set of "The Prince and the Showgirl." "I came to it principally as someone who responded to the young man craving an entry point into his profession," Curtis says.

In the film, that young man is Colin Clark (British stage actor Eddie Redmayne), who finagled his way into a job as a lowly third assistant director and developed an intimate friendship with the troubled actress (played by Michelle Williams).

The story mirrors Curtis' own experiences in showbiz. Before directing a string of highly praised BBC series, he worked as an assistant director in theater, including a stint with "Slumdog Millionaire" director Danny Boyle. "I absolutely identified with Colin Clark," he says. "Having dreamt of being in the profession, suddenly, you're working alongside all these great, experienced people, and you learn from them."

> **"It's a big-screen film about big-screen personalities. We needed the wattage of a bona fide film star."**

Because it is a period piece, "My Week With Marilyn" needed not only a relatable story but an exacting historical accuracy, extending from sets to props to casting. Curtis filmed at the house Monroe rented during the shoot and at Pinewood Studios, where "The Prince and the Showgirl" was filmed. Williams was even able to use Monroe's old dressing room.

"Michelle is such a diligent actress and a brilliant talent," says Curtis, "and she researched in great detail the exterior Marilyn, her body language, as well as the interior Marilyn, her psychology."

After a decade in television, Curtis asserts that "My Week With Marilyn" could have worked only on the silver screen, where the magnetism of Williams and her co-stars — Judi Dench, Julia Ormond and Kenneth Branagh — could shine.

"It's a big-screen film about big-screen personalities," he says. "We needed to deliver Marilyn, so we needed the wattage of a bona fide film star — not someone famous, but someone like Michelle who has the attributes of a film star: watchability and radiance." STEPHEN DEUSNER

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Lots of Cooks in This Kitchen

Five actors dish out food for thought in 'The Golden Dragon'

Stage

Studio Theatre's "The Golden Dragon" consists of 48 scenes in 80 minutes. Five actors play 16 roles. For those, each actor assumes three characteristics — gender, age and ethnicity — that differ from his or her own. There are also two nonhuman personas (a cricket and an ant) and one inanimate object (a rotting tooth).

Clearly, German dramatist Roland Schimmelpfennig's 2009 work requires some nonlinear thinking from its audience. But its tiny-yet-diverse cast does most of the heavy lifting in this play about the intersecting lives of German families, Asian immigrants and globe-trotting stewardesses, set in a pan-Asian restaurant in an unspecified German city.

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KK Moggie, left, Sarah Marshall, center, and Joseph Anthony Foronda, right, serve a variety of Asian specialties with a side of political critiques in "The Golden Dragon."

"With the play broken into 48 scenes, it would be a challenge to stop the action every two or three minutes," says director Serge Seiden. "So we tried to smooth out those transitions." Instead of leaving the stage to shift between roles, actors switch characters on the spot.

It's certainly a change from what even regular theatergoers may be used to. Though "Golden Dragon" has been widely produced in Europe, Studio Theatre's production is its U.S. premiere. "It's just not like the stuff we tend to do here in the States, straight-up plays," admits actress Sarah Marshall, who portrays an elderly cook, a middle-aged shopkeeper and a teen girl in the play — and an ant.

The play is much more than the sum of its constantly changing parts. Globalization and its accompanying politics loom large: When a cook suffers a toothache, proper medical care is out of reach, as it is for many immigrants to Europe. Instead, he's treated by his co-workers, with disastrous, if shockingly funny, results.

"It's a comedy with a brutal edge," Seiden says. KATIE ABERBACH (EXPRESS)

Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; through Dec. 11, $35-$69; 202-332-3300, Studiotheatre.org. (Dupont Circle)

Pre-Show Prep

Twenty-five Asian dishes are ordered from the Golden Dragon throughout the play. To learn how to pretend to make the food, the cast took behind-the-scenes tours of local restaurants including Great Wall Szechuan House and Spices. "Not everybody knows how to cook Chinese food on a wok over a hot stove," says director Serge Seiden. K.A.

film riffs

Muppet Snippets

Traveling for Thanksgiving? Got your iPad? Good. Now you can watch these, the best Muppet moments found on YouTube. K.P.K.

1 "Bohemian Rhapsody"
This Gonzo-led cover of the Queen hit (he's backed by chickens) makes you feel like all is right with the world. (Animal changes the lyrics from "Mama/just killed a man" to "MAMA! MAMAAAAA! MAAMAMAAAA!")

2 "Danny Boy"
Feeling Irish? Watch the Swedish Chef, Animal and Beaker take on the Gaelic classic in this "Muppet Show" segment. As sad as the original song is, this rendition will challenge you to come up with new ways to hide laughter from your co-workers.

3 Joel Grey sings "Willkommen"
Though he's lacking the creepy makeup he wore for his Tony- and Oscar-winning portrayal of the Emcee in "Cabaret," Grey's performance of that incredibly kid-inappropriate show's title song with a posse of puppets is still unsettling.

4 "Pöpcørn"
The guy subtitling the Swedish Chef for this clip eventually just loses his mind (so be sure to turn on the captions), while the chef himself boogies to a popcorn-inspired disco beat as the kitchen burns down around him.

5 "Just One Person"
A planned tribute to Muppets creator Jim Henson comes to a screeching halt when Fozzie learns he's passed away. The big bear wants to cancel the production, but what happens next, well, it proves that even anthropomorphized socks can have soul.

Muppets Are Forever

The Muppets, for many of us, are like a sixth-grade best friend. We once shared sleepovers and secrets, and there was a point when we couldn't imagine life without them. But then middle school happened, then high school, then adulthood. So, maybe it's been awhile since we last connected. With the arrival of "The Muppets" (out Wednesday and starring Amy Adams, Chris Cooper and big-time Muppet fan Jason Segel) comes a chance to see old friends again. It's the Muppet gang's first feature film in more than a decade, so if you'd like to brush up before the reunion, here are the best places to start. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

"The Muppet Movie"

There are many reasons to revisit the first Muppet flick, especially if the last time you saw it was during its theatrical release in 1979. First, you can try to recapture the awe you felt as a kid when you saw Kermit and friends riding bikes (this was way, way before CGI). Second, you can hear all the song lyrics you probably messed up the first time around. (It's tough for a kid to figure out the line, "send someone to fetch us/we're in Saskatchewan," from "Moving Right Along.") And third, the movie's just silly and lovable and the best of what the Muppets can be, with a little bit of dark humor (the plot centers on a fast-food frog-leg magnate who wants to kill Kermit).

COLUMBIA PICTURES

"The Muppet Show"

If you're going to judge a show solely on the basis of its guest stars, then "The Muppet Show" is the greatest show in the history of television. Special guests included Joel Grey, Lena Horne, Candice Bergen, Ben Vereen, Vincent Price, Ethel Merman and Twiggy. And that was just the first season — eventually, Steve Martin, Madeline Kahn, Rudolf Nureyev, Elton John, Peter Sellers, John Cleese, Kris Kristofferson, Alice Cooper, Sylvester Stallone, Liberace, Diana Ross and Johnny Cash would make appearances. Also, this is where you first heard that "Mahna Mahna" song. (Seasons 1-3 are available on DVD.)

"The Great Muppet Caper"

In this 1981 follow-up to "The Muppet Movie," Fozzie and Kermit travel to London to interview a fashion designer (Diana Rigg) whose jewels were stolen. What the film lacks in spirit it makes up for in wordplay (the most coveted jewel is "The Baseball Diamond"). You also get to see Miss Piggy do an Esther Williams-style synchronized swimming routine, if that's your thing.

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"The Muppets Take Manhattan"

In this 1984 feature, the Muppets try to take their act to Broadway, but financial problems, con men and Kermit's amnesia after a conk on the head get in the way. The film is crazily packed with cameos (Brooke Shields! Liza Minnelli! Gregory Hines!), and it ends with Kermit and Piggy's wedding — in which you find the immortal, poetic line, "Because you share a love so big/I now pronounce you frog and pig."

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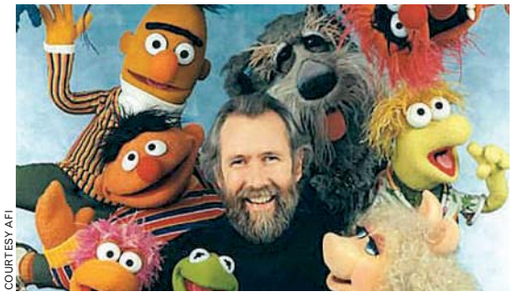

COURTESY AFI

One of these things is not like the others: Henson and friends.

He's Got the Whole World on His Hands

Even hard-core Muppets fans might find new treasures at the latest AFI Silver retrospective, "Muppets, Music & Magic: Jim Henson's Legacy." Not only does the lineup include all the movies mentioned above plus 1980s fantasy flicks "The Dark Crystal" and "Labyrinth," but it also throws in some crazy-obscure stuff. The crew from "Sesame Street" gets a nod with "Jim Henson and Friends: Inside the Sesame Street Vault," screening Sunday, and with "Sesame Street at 40: Milestones on the Street" on Dec. 3. (Bring tissues in case they show scenes from the one when everyone has to explain to Big Bird that Mr. Hooper died.) For yet more obscure Henson works, check out "Emmet Otter's Jug-Band Christmas," "Muppet History 201: More Rarities From the Henson Vault" and "Commercials and Experiments." The best part: Tickets for kids 12 and younger are only $5. ► ***AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; through Dec. 22; $5-$12; 301-495-6720, Afi.com/silver. (Silver Spring)***

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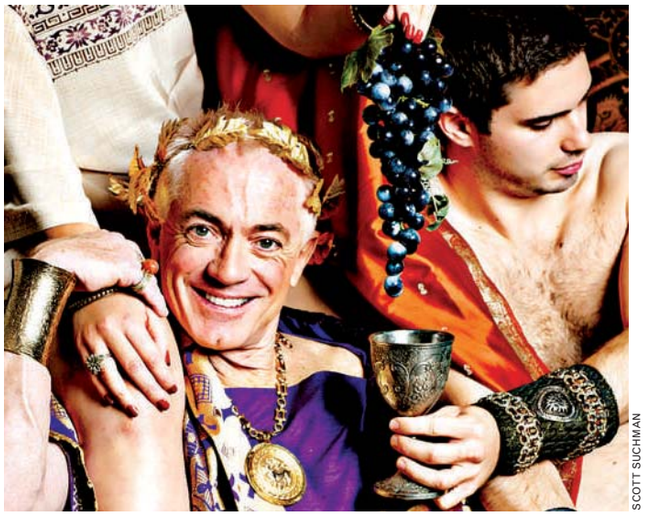

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1 Tyrantamorous Rex

Emperor Nero killed his own mom (and may have slept with her) and fiddled while Rome burned. That doesn't mean his reign doesn't have the makings of a comic romp! In "You, Nero," playwright Amy Freed combines jokes with nuanced points about state-sponsored art. Danny Scheie, above left, stars as the eponymous loon in Arena Stage's new production. ➜ ***Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; through Jan. 1, $40-$85; 202-488-3300, Arenastage.org. (Waterfront/SEU)***

2 Swinging Me Softly With Her Soooooooong

The Kennedy Center's pop-up dance floor will unfurl for Nellie McKay, left, who's performing with the Eric Felten Jazz Orchestra on the Millennium Stage Friday. The concert is part of "Swing, Swing, Swing," a tribute to big band music, and includes dance instruction. ➜ ***Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Fri., 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., free; 202-467-4600, Kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom)***

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3 First Draft: 'A Santa Claus There Is, Virginia, Indeed'

Beginning at midnight Friday, we are all obligated to talk about Christmas nonstop for an entire month. The Newseum's Family Day, for example, is based wholly on the New York Sun editorial "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus." It will also feature workshops, a game show with prizes and a lecture on the piece itself. ➜ ***Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; Sat., 11 a.m., free with museum admission ($13-$22); 888-639-7386, Newseum.com. (Archives)***

4 See the Wizard In a New Light

Before you watch "The Wizard of Oz" at the AFI, read up on the Munchkins' salacious off-screen antics and the casting hoopla (the costumers accidentally poisoned the actor originally slated to play the Tin Man). The wholesome film will take on new color. Sadly, neither this screening nor that of "The Sound of Music" (Sat. and Sun.) are sing-alongs. You could sing anyway — it's probably less annoying than texting. ➜ ***AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; Fri., Sat., Sun., Wed., $7-$11; 301-495-6720, Afi.com/silver. (Silver Spring)***

5 He Might Be Geek

If you weren't persuaded by our cover story to go see They Might Be Giants, here's another reason: opening act Jonathan Coulton, right. The superstar nerd/singer-songwriter is responsible for the zombie apocalypse anthem "Re: Your Brains," plus songs about supervillains in love, Christmas cards from the future and computer programmers who can't get girls. ➜ ***9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Sat., 8 p.m., sold out; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (U St.-Cardozo)***

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THURSDAY

Black Rock Center for the Arts: Diane Mesirow.

Kennedy Center/Millennium Stage: Thanksgiving Day Swing Dance Party, 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., free. Daryl Davis Band, 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., free.

U Street Music Hall: "Moombahton Massive IX," 9 p.m., $6 in advance, $8 at the door.

FRIDAY

9:30 Club: State Radio, River City Extension, 7:30 p.m., $21.

Birchmere: Dry Branch Fire Squad, 7:30 p.m., $25.

Black Cat: American Corpse Flower, Throwdown Syndicate, Sister Ex, 9 p.m., $20 in advance, $25 at the door; "Modern World," 9:30 p.m., free.

Blues Alley: Alex Bugnon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., $25.

Bohemian Caverns: Tim Green, 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., $15.

DC9: Liberation Dance Party, 9 p.m., $5.

Jammin' Java: Along Those Lines, One City Mile, Since Antarctica, Cerca Trova, 7:30 p.m., $10 in advance, $13 at the door.

Kennedy Center/Concert Hall: NSO Pops: An Unforgettable Tribute to Nat King Cole with George Benson, 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., $20-$85.

Kennedy Center/Millennium Stage: Nellie McKay, 6 p.m., free; Eric Felten Jazz Orchestra concert, 6 p.m., free.

Music Center at Strathmore: "Classic Albums Live: The Beatles Abbey Road," 8 p.m., $28-$38.

Red Palace: DJ Smudge, 10 p.m., free.

Rock & Roll Hotel: Becky, 9 p.m., free.

State Theatre: The Nighthawks, Skip Castro Band, 9 p.m., $20.

Twins Jazz: Ben Britton's Unconventional Riot, 9 p.m. and 11 p.m., $15.

Velvet Lounge: Things You Own, Rise of the Witness, Matt Boerum, 10 p.m., $8.

SATURDAY

9:30 Club: They Might Be Giants, Jonathan Coulton, 8 p.m., $30.

Birchmere: The Seldom Scene with Mike Auldridge, Tom Gray & John Starlin, 7:30 p.m., $35.

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Black Cat: "On & On," 9:30 p.m., $5; "The Mousetrap," 9:30 p.m., $10.

DC9: Alternate Seduction, Think Fast Jak, 16 Large, 9:30 p.m., $8.

George Washington University/ Lisner Auditorium: Puscifer, Carina Round, 7 p.m., $45.

Iota: Cactus Liquors, the Ruins, 9 p.m., $10.

Jammin' Java: David Wazeter, Struan Shields, 8 p.m., $15.

Rams Head Tavern: Amel Larrieux, 8 p.m., $45; Tobias Russell, Rhianna LaRocque, Alex Peters, noon, $5.

Red Palace: "Edit," 10 p.m., free.

Rock & Roll Hotel: N'Dea Davenport of Brand New Heavies, 10 p.m., $20; "Stank," 10 p.m., free.

Velvet Lounge: Velvet Ants, Allday-mori, Bob Villain, 10 p.m., $8.

SUNDAY

9:30 Club: Mastodon, Dillinger Escape Plan, Red Fang, 6:30 p.m., $30-$33.50.

Birchmere: Larry Graham & Graham Central Station, 7:30 p.m., $69.50.

Black Cat: Social Repose, the Neon Rush, Deuce Deuce, 8 p.m., $8.

Galaxy Hut: Dance for the Dying, Lenorable, 9 p.m., $5.

Jammin' Java: Theruincity, Audiostrobelight, Accidents, Big Paper Airplanes, Farah & the Boy, Daniel Wrigley, 6 p.m., $10 in advance, $13 at the door.

Kennedy Center/Millennium Stage: Men and Women of the Gospel Choir concert, 6 p.m., free.

Rams Head Tavern: Diego Garcia, Taylor Carson, 8 p.m., $13.50.

Twins Jazz: Amanda Badze, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., $10.

MONDAY

9:30 Club: Marketa Irglova, 7 p.m., $25.

Birchmere: Chaka Khan, 7:30 p.m., $75.

Black Cat: Chameleons Vox, Black Swan Lane, Dot Dash, 8 p.m., $15.

Blues Alley: Jessy J, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., $25.

Bohemian Caverns: Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra, 8 p.m., $7.

DC9: The Knux, Jordy Towers, Vanity Theft, 8:30 p.m., $8.

Galaxy Hut: Blackberry Belles, the Mantis, 9 p.m., $5.

Iota: Diego Garcia, 8 p.m., $12.

Jammin' Java: Space Program, Today's Tomorrow, Minor Kings, Medicine Lake, 7 p.m., $10 in advance, $13 at the door.

Kennedy Center/Millennium Stage: The Airmen of Note, 6 p.m., free; the U.S. Air Force Chamber Players concert, 6 p.m., free.

Music Center at Strathmore: MCPS Latin Dance Competition, 7 p.m., $6.

Rams Head Tavern: Larry Graham & Graham Central Station, 8 p.m., $75.

TUESDAY

Black Cat: "Couch Night," 8 p.m., free.

Blues Alley: Karla Chisholm, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., $18.

DC9: Nicole Atkins, Mean Season, 9 p.m., $8 in advance, $10 at the door.

Iota: The 9 Songwriters Series, 8 p.m., $10.

Jammin' Java: Shoot the Cricket, Kill Lincoln, East Ghost, 7 p.m., $10 in advance, $13 at the door.

Kennedy Center/Millennium Stage: The University of Maryland Wind Ensemble, 6 p.m., free.

Rams Head Tavern: Allen Toussaint, 8 p.m., $45.

Twins Jazz: Aaron Seeber, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., $10.

WEDNESDAY

9:30 Club: Robin Thicke, 7 p.m., $25.

Black Cat: Andy Zipf, Sunbears!, Wendell Kimbrough, 8 p.m., $10.

Black Rock Center for the Arts: "Of Mice and Men," 10:30 a.m., $5.

Blues Alley: Phaze II, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., $20.

DC9: Gauntlet Hair, Mercies, 9 p.m., $10.

Jammin' Java: Pieta Brown, Peyton Tochterman, 7:30 p.m., $10 in advance, $13 at the door.

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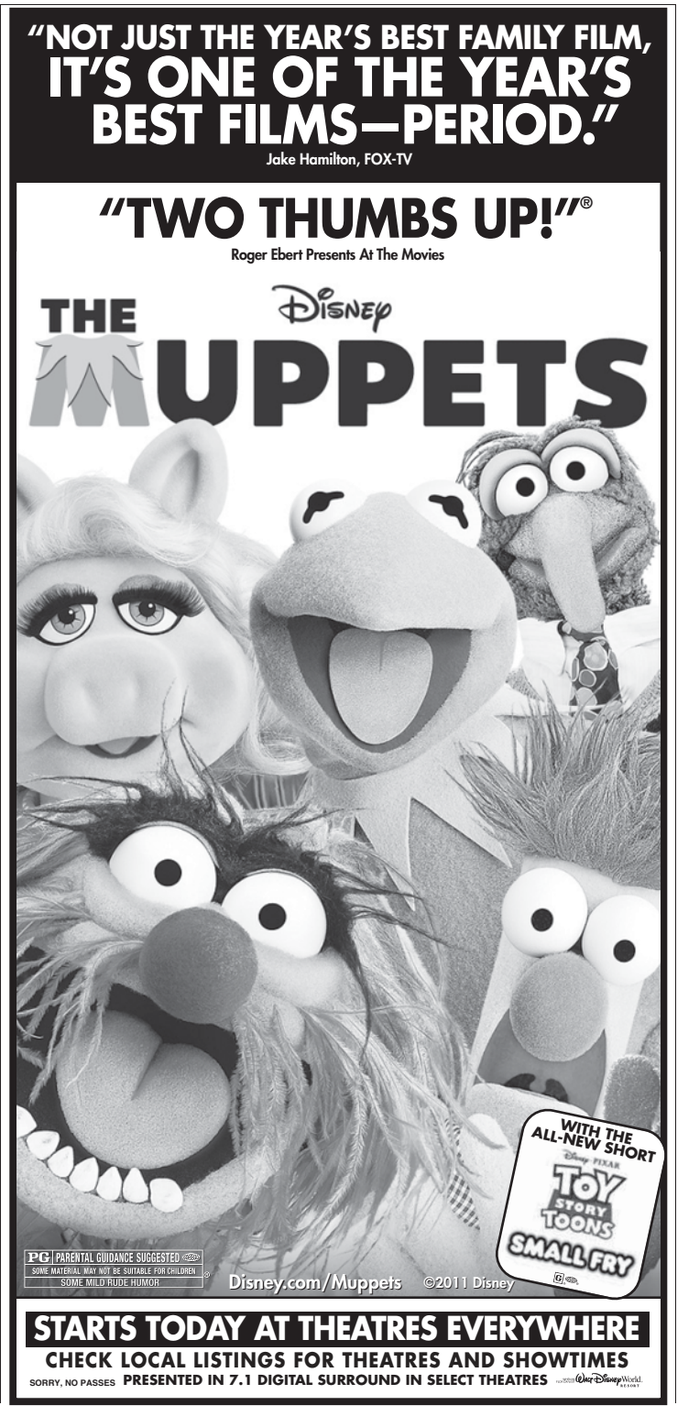

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The U.S. Army Band concert, 6 p.m., free.

Music Center at Strathmore: "Christmas With Aaron Neville," 8 p.m., $35-$55.

Rams Head Tavern: Vanilla Fudge, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., $29.50.

Red Palace: Little Scream, a k u a, Doug Keith, 8:30 p.m., $10 in advance, $12 at the door.

Twins Jazz: Quintessential Jazz Ensemble, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., $10.

U Street Music Hall: Avey Tare, 8 p.m., $10.

Velvet Lounge: Thayer Sarrano, Gordon Sterling, 10 p.m., $8-$10.

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American University/Katzen Arts Center: "Inner Piece: Works From the Collection of Heather and Tony Podesta," contemporary works by Pilar Albarracín, Clare Langan, Laurel Nakadate, Julie Roberts and Saskia Olde Wolbers, through Dec. 14. "Re-viewing Documentary: The Photographic Life of Louise Rosskam," the documentary photographer's images capture Southwest D.C. neighborhoods in the 1940s and the rise of Puerto Rico, through Dec. 14. "Seismic Dream: Sculpture and Sound Installation by Firestone & Buchanan," as twisted steel moves between rooms and through walls, the artists aim to convey a dreamlike state, through Dec. 14. "Wayne Barrar: An Expanding Subterra," photographs of subterranean work sites, power stations, storage facilities, offices and homes, through Dec. 14. Katzen Arts Center, 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-885-1300, American.edu/katzen.

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Arlington Arts Center: "Fall Solos 2011," works by Arden Bendler Browning, David D'Orio, Matt Dunn, Jason Irla, Stephanie Elaine Robbins, Rachel Sitkin and Chloe Watson, through Dec. 30. 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-248-6800, Findyourartist.org.

Art Museum of the Americas: "Traveling Light: 5 Chilean Artists And Common Place," site-specific art installations by Catalina Bauer, Rodrigo Canala, Rodrigo Galecio, Gerardo Pulido and Tomas Rivas that focus on contemporary art and its interconnection with politics, through Jan. 22. 201 18th St. NW; 202-458-6016, Museum.oas.org.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: "Family Matters: Portraits From the Qing Court," portraits, jewelry and other objects from the imperial family that shaped the Qing Dynasty from the early to mid-18th century; "Powerplay: China's Empress Dowager," Chinese dynastic tradition meets modern photographic techniques and aesthetics in this series of photographs capturing the Grand Empress Dowager Cixi, through Jan. 29. "Reinventing the Wheel: Japanese Ceramics 1930 to 2000," recent Japanese pottery that reflects how potters used ancient methods to create modern forms. 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, Asia.si.edu.

Artisphere: "Data/Fields," a new media installation in which the viewer facilitates the transmission of visual and audio data, through Dec. 11. "Project 2011: Face to Face," an exhibit of installations by local artists who worked with visiting artists from Arlington's sister city of Aachen, Germany, through Dec. 11. "Robert Hoffman: The Largest Collection of Handcrafted Harmonica Cases in the World," harmonica cases created by Robert "Hoff" Hoffman with help from many artists across the country will be on display, through Jan. 28. 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-875-1100, Artisphere.com.

Athenaeum: Carol Reed, abstract works on paper by the artist of bold shapes in charcoal or ink on paper, through Dec. 4. 201 Prince St., Alexandria; 703-548-0035, Nvfaa.org.

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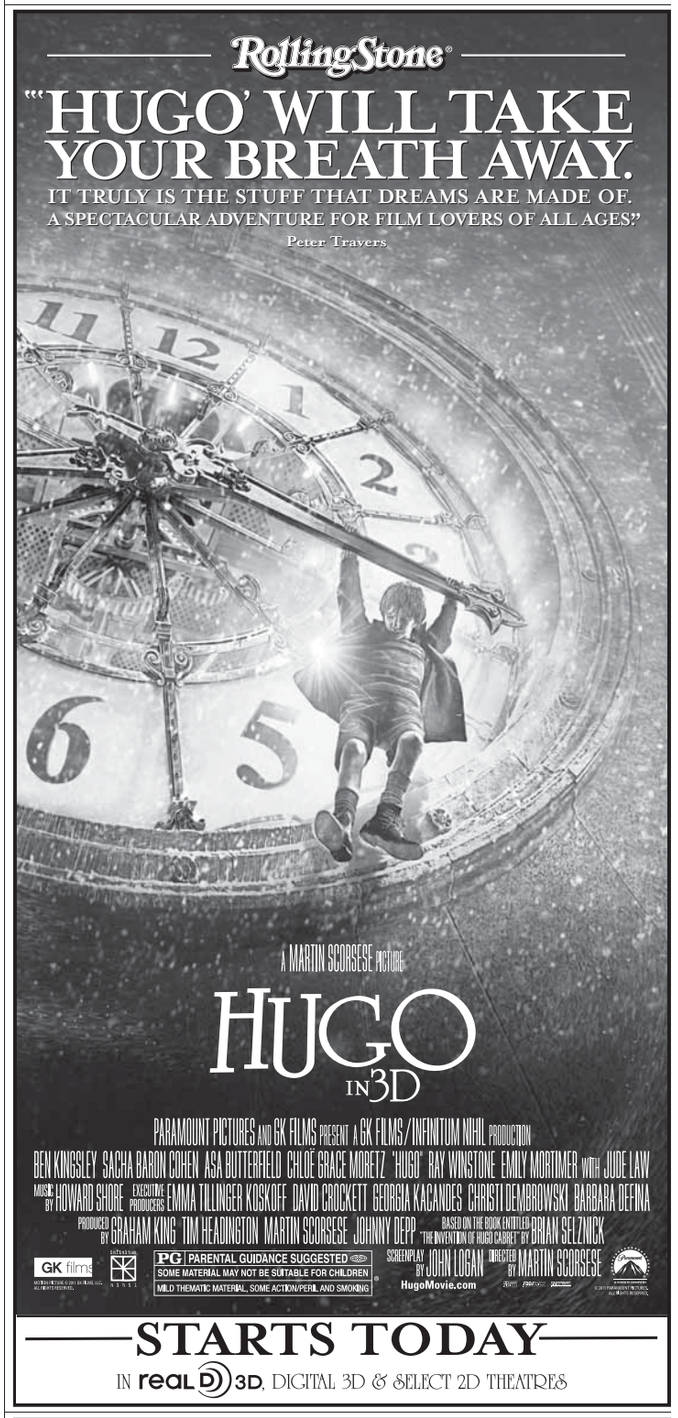

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LAST CHANCE BlackRock Center for the Arts: Diane Mesirow, oil paintings by the artist, Thu.-Sun. 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown, Md.; 301-528-2260, Blackrockcenter.org.

Capitol Hill Arts Workshop: "Local Turf," an all-media juried exhibit, through Dec. 2. 545 Seventh St. SE; 202-547-6839, Chaw.org.

Conner Contemporary Art: "The Welcome Guest" and "Scenes of Mild Peril," twin solo shows by Patricia Piccinini and Victoria F. Gaitan, through Dec. 17. 1358-60 Florida Ave. NE; 202-588-8750, Connercontemporary.com.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: "30 Americans," a survey of work by African American artists from the past 30 years, through Feb. 12. "Strange Fruit," an exploration of African-American identity through photographs and video works by Hank Willis Thomas, through Jan. 16. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700, Corcoran.org.

LAST CHANCE Fairfax Art League: "Watercolor Mosaics!," works by Yelena Svecharnik, Thu.-Sun. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax; 703-273-2377, Fairfaxartleague.com.

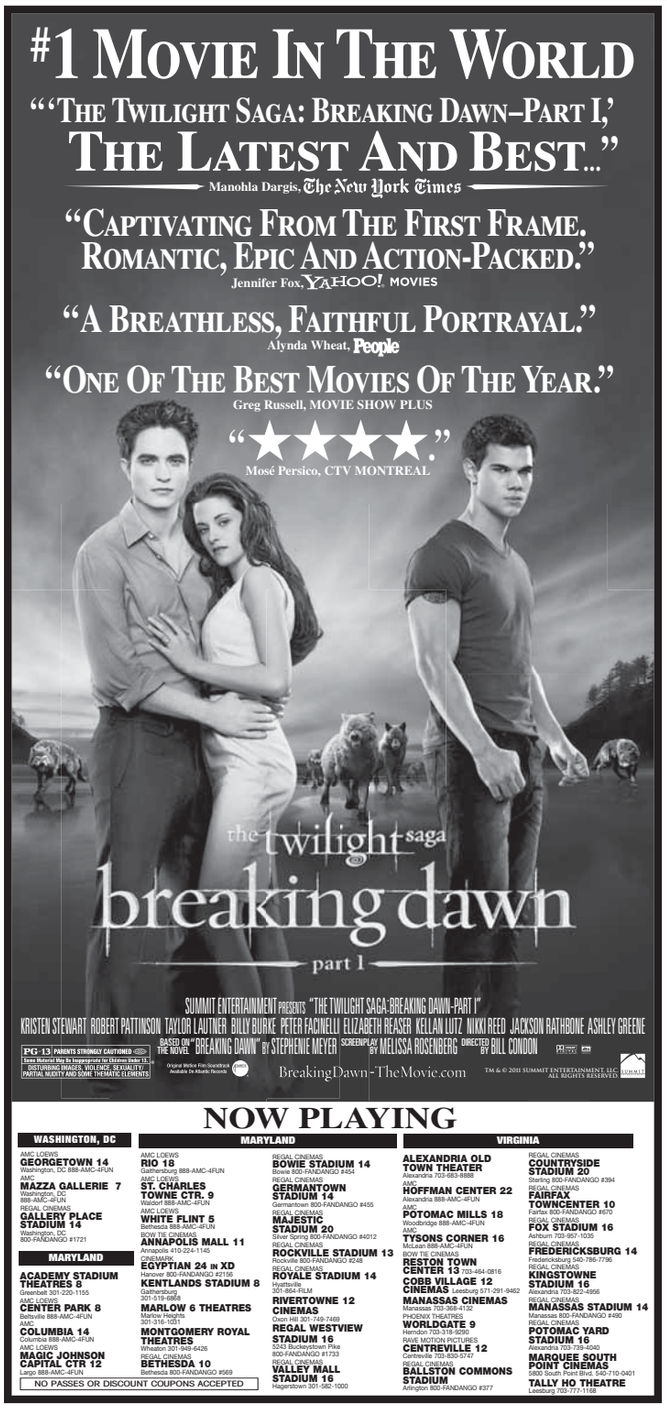
Folger Shakespeare Library: "Manifold Greatness: The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible," this exhibit explores the translation and influence of the King James Bible, through Jan. 15. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-4600, Folger.edu.

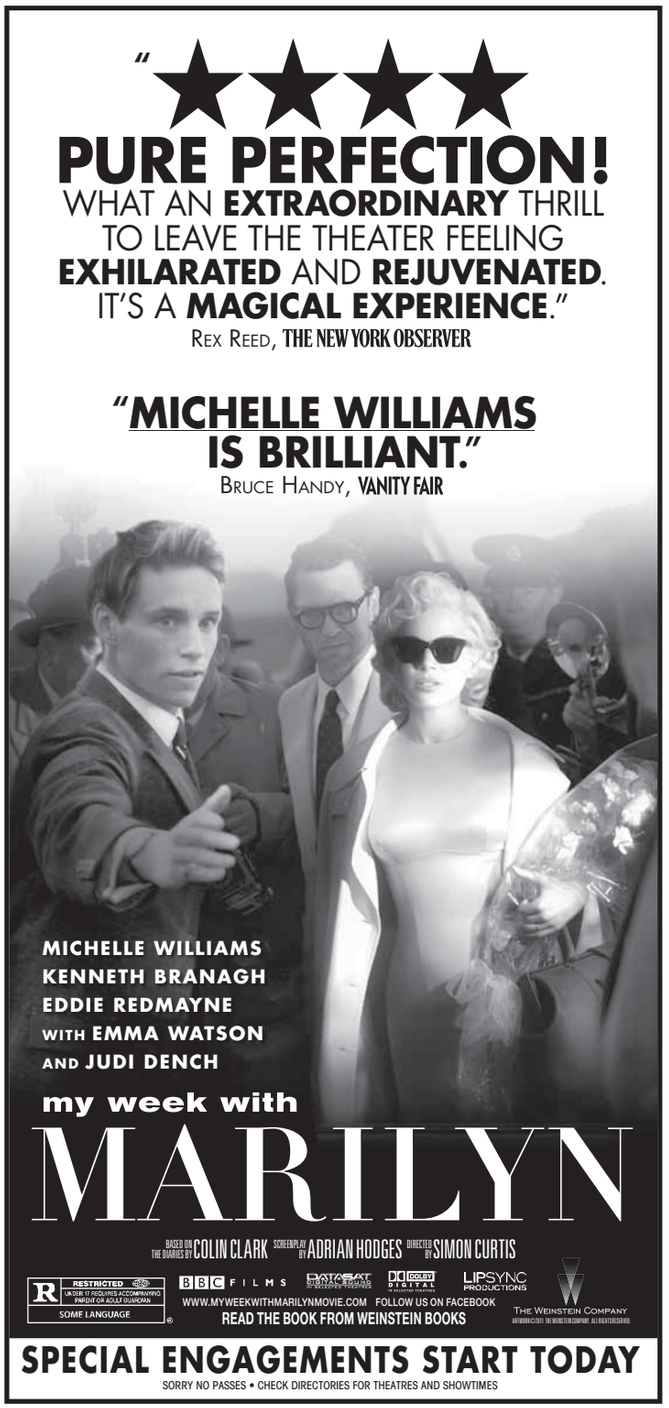
Freer Gallery of Art: "Ancient Chinese Jades and Bronzes," more than 100 pieces in jade and bronze showing the Liangzhu culture and its impact on future art; "Arts of Japan," springtime cherry blossoms and cherry maples are only a small sample of how the seasons influence Japanese art, through March 4. "Chinese Ceramics: 10th-13th Century," pottery from the Song dynasty (960ñ1279); "Chinese Flowers," part of the museum's ongoing "Seasons" exhibition, view paintings of Chinese flora specific to each quarter of the calendar, through Jan. 8. "Cranes and Clouds: The Korean Art of Ceramic Inlay," an exhibit of the Korean ceramic decoration known as sanggam, the technique of inlaying white and black pigments to create figures; "Japanese Screens," part of the museum's ongoing "Seasons" exhibition, a rotating set of screens painted to match different times of year, through Jan. 22. "Silk Road Luxuries From China," gold and silver objects and other luxury items made in China from the sixth through eighth centuries; "Sweet Silent Thought: Whistler's Interiors," a look at the recurring themes of reading, music, reverie and studio practice in the works of James McNeill Whistler, through July 1. "Tea," from stoneware to porcelain, tea utensils demonstrate the changing of the seasons, through March 4. "The Peacock Room Comes to America," some of the museum's most iconic pieces will be displayed in a room, designed by James McNeill Whistler, that is meant to recreate a room in the home of the museum's founder, Charles Lang Freer, Jefferson Drive and 12th Street SW; 202-633-1000, Asia.si.edu.

Gateway Arts Center: "Created in Our Own Way," works by Malika Bryant, Justin Fair and Jeanne Sullivan reflect images of self, through Dec. 17. 3901 Rhode Island Ave., Brentwood; 301-864-3860.

Goethe-Institut: "On the Lakeshore ... and Other Stories: Photographer Iris Janke," works by contemporary German photographer Iris Janke and two American counterparts, Sara J. Winston and Kaitlin Jencso, examine themes of self-identity, through Feb. 3. 812 Seventh St. NW; 202-289-1200, Goethe.de/ins/us/was/enindex.htm.

Hemphill: Robin Rose: The Big Payback, each of the paintings in "The Big Payback" is associated with a piece of music by one of Rose's musical heroes, through Dec. 23. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601, Hemphillfinearts.com.





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Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden: "Andy Warhol: Shadows," 102 brightly colored, silk-screened canvases meant to both suggest and mock the bold strokes of the abstract impressionist movement, through Jan. 15. "Directions: Empire 3," the exhibition examines the ongoing influence of Andy Warhol's groundbreaking film "Empire" (1964), through Feb. 26. Black Box: Nira Pereg, this Black Box presentation features "67 Bows," a 2006 video inspired by visits to the Karlsruhe Zoo, where the artist studied a flock of flamingos, through Dec. 4. Seventh Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, Hirshhorn.si.edu.

Honfleur: "The Fighting Season," photographs of the war in Afghanistan by Louie Palu, through Dec. 16. 1241 Good Hope Road SE; 202-536-8994, Honfleurgallery.com.

LAST CHANCE **International Arts & Artists' Hillyer Art Space:** David Mordini: "Dis-Member," an installation of fragmented body parts and distorted appendages explores disconnectedness, social hierarchies and alienation, through Sat. Ming Enghauser: "Desert Dwell," photographs by the artist of the Anza-Borrego Desert, through Sat. 9 Hillyer Court NW; 202-338-0680, Artsandartists.org.

International Visions: "Stanley Agbontaen: A Celebration of Life," paintings by Nigerian artist Stanley Agbontaen capture the country's people and daily rituals, through Jan. 7. 2629 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-234-5112, Intervisions.com.

Jerusalem Fund: "Amulet in Spirit," contemporary Yemeni jewelry by Suad Raja, through Dec. 6. 2425 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-338-1958, Thejerusalemfund.org.

Koshland Science Museum: "Earth Lab: Degrees of Change," an interactive exhibit looking at climate change explores the effects and lets visitors decide the best response. Sixth and E streets NW; 202-334-1201, Koshlandscience-museum.org.

Mexican Cultural Institute: "Conversacion," photography by Muriel Hasbun and Pablo Ortiz Monasterio, through Feb. 4. "Maremagnum," photography by Jordi Socias, through Feb. 4. 2829 16th St. NW; 202-728-1628, Portal.sre.gob.mx.

National Academy of Sciences, Keck Center: "Art and Science: Highlights From the Collection of the National Academy of Sciences," a display of artwork that explores the melding of arts and sciences, by appointment only, through April 2. 500 Fifth St. NW; 202-334-2436, Nationalacademies.org/arts.

National Air and Space Museum: "Barron Hilton: Pioneers of Flight Gallery," the museum's exhibit of aviation and rocketry in the 1920s and '30s reopened with additional artifacts, such as Anne Lindbergh's telegraph key, and hands-on activities for kids. Sixth Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, Nasm.si.edu.

National Building Museum: "Investigating Where We Live," an exhibit of photographs and creative writing by Washington-area middle and high school students who were given four weeks to interpret three neighborhoods in the District, through May 28. "Lego Architecture: Towering Ambition," architectural artist Adam Reed Tucker uses Lego blocks to re-create landmarks including the Empire State Building, through Sept. 3. "Unbuilt Washington," an examination of what Washington, D.C., could have looked like if some of the proposed designs for its most prominent buildings were realized, through May 28. "Walls Speak: The Narrative Art of Meière," Art Deco murals and mosaics by the artist who designed ornamentation for Radio City Music Hall and the Nebraska Capitol, through Jan. 2. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448, Nbm.org.

National Gallery of Art, West Building: "A New Look: Samuel F. B. Morse's Gallery of the Louvre," an early artistic endeavor by the inventor of the telegraph, through July 8. "Harry Callahan at 100," an exhibit of pictures explores the entire career of the world-renowned photographer who took highly experimental photos, through March 4. "Italian Master Drawings From the Wolfgang Ratjen Collection: 1525 to 1835," sixty-five drawings and study plans from some of the most important Italian artists, dating from the Renaissance and to the neoclassical period, through Sun. "Text as Inspiration: Artists' Books and Literature," fourteen books of poetry and prose that artists have enhanced with visuals inspired by the text. Some are made by artist-bookmakers; others are titles by familiar authors who tapped certain artists to add artwork such as prints, drawings and paper sculpture, through Jan. 29. "The Gothic Spirit of John Taylor Arms," sixty-five prints, drawings and etchings capturing Gothic architecture as seen among gargoyles, French and Italian churches and the city of New York, through Sun. Sixth Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-737-4215, Nga.gov.

National Museum of African Art: "African Mosaic: Celebrating a Decade of Collecting," a collection of 112 objects that represent 10 years of work toward building a permanent collection, through Dec. 11. "Artists in Dialogue: Sandile Zulu and Henrique Oliveira," two artists react to each other's work, resulting in site-specific, original creations, through Dec. 4. "Central Nigeria Unmasked: Arts of the Benue River Valley," this collection of more than 150 sculptures include statues, helmet masks and maternal images created by residents of sub-Saharan Africa, through March 4. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600, Africa.si.edu.

LAST CHANCE **National Museum of American History:** "For All the World to See: Visual Culture and the Struggle for Civil Rights," more than 225 objects, including rare film footage and vintage TV clips, demonstrate how the visual image changed people's attitudes about the civil rights movement, through Sun. "Holidays on Display," an examination of parading culture and department store retail displays between the 1920s and 1960s; "Jefferson's Bible: The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth," Thomas Jefferson's document from the early 19th century aimed to present a chronological version of Jesus' life, omitting anything that appeared "contrary to reason," through May 28. "On the Water: Stories From Maritime America," an exploration of life on the nation's waterways, and the central role marine transportation and waterborne commerce played in the establishment of major cities and trade routes; "Stories on Money," an exhibition looking at how money has changed from Colonial days to the present; "The First Ladies," the already-popular exhibit of first ladies' gowns is expanded to include "Changing Times, Changing First Ladies," a look at how several first ladies have affected their husbands' administrations. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, Americanhistory.si.edu.

National Museum of Natural History: "Eternal Life in Ancient Egypt," a

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look at the Egyptian burial ritual, including mummies and cosmology, as well as what Egyptians expected in the afterlife; "More Than Meets the Eye," a look at the tools, skills and technologies used by the museum's scientists to explore the diversity in life-forms and cultures, through Nov. 4, 2012. "Race: Are We So Different?" scientific, cultural and historical perspectives on the topic of heritage and ancestry, through Jan. 1. "The Bright Beneath: The Luminous Art of Shih Chieh Huang," an expression of colors as seen at the ocean's deepest depths; "The Evolving Universe," see images of space taken through telescopes and explore the time between the creation of the universe to present-day on Earth; "Written in Bone: Forensic Files of the 17th-Century Chesapeake." 10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, Mnh.si.edu.

National Museum of the American Indian: "A Song for the Horse Nation," explore the relationship between Native Americans and their horses in this exhibit, which will include a life-size mannequin of a horse in full beaded regalia, rifles and a Sioux tepee; "Conversations With the Earth: Indigenous Voices on Climate Change," an indigenous science exhibition that uses photographs, video and audio captured by tribal communities from the Arctic to Brazil, through Dec. 2. "IndiVisible: African-Native American Lives in the Americas," an exhibit that looks at the lives of people with African American and Native American heritages, through Feb. 2. Fourth Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, Nmai.si.edu.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: "Trove: The Collection In Depth," more than 100 pieces show the breadth of the collection the museum has assembled over a quarter-century, through Jan. 15. "Visions of the Orient: Western Women Artists in Asia 1900-1940," prints and paintings by Western female artists exploring Asian cultures in the early 20th century, through Jan. 15. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000, Nmwa.org.

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Local movie times

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Happy Feet Two in 3D (PG) **RealD 3D: (!) 1:05-6:20-11:45Movie** Times
Arthur Christmas 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (!) 12:50-6:30-11:55
Immortals (R) Digital Presentation: 10:50-7:35-10:35
Hugo 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (!) 10:05-4:20-7:30-10:40
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 10:00-1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Happy Feet Two: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) IMAX 3D: (!) 11:00-1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50
Puss in Boots (PG) Digital Presentation: 11:40-2:20-5:00
A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas (R) RealD 3D: (!) 8:20-11:00
The Descendants (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: (!) 10:40-11:45-1:40-2:50-4:40-5:50-7:50-8:50-10:50-11:50
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My Week with Marilyn (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: (!) 11:30-2:10-4:55-7:40-10:30
J. Edgar (R) Digital Presentation: (!) 10:00-1:20-4:35-8:00-11:20
Hugo (PG) Digital Presentation: (!) 1:10
Arthur Christmas (PG) Digital Presentation: (!) 10:10-3:40-9:20
Happy Feet Two (PG) Digital Presentation: (!) 10:20-3:45-9:10
The Ides of March (R) 11:50-2:45-5:30
Tower Heist (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 7:45-10:20
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 (PG-13) (!) 12:00-3:00-6:00-9:00-12:00
The Muppets (PG) (!) 10:30-1:30-4:25-7:20-10:10

AMC Loews Uptown 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W. www.AMCTheatres.com

J. Edgar (R) Digital Presentation: (!) 3:30-7:00

AMC Mazza Gallerie
5300 Wisconsin Ave. NW www.AMCTheatres.com

Happy Feet Two in 3D (PG) Club Cinema-Over 21 after 6:00 pm;RealD 3D: 10:00-3:10-8:10
Tower Heist (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video: 12:20-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:30
Puss in Boots (PG) Club Cinema-Over 21 after 6:00 pm;Digital Presentation: 12:10-2:30-4:50
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The Muppets (PG) (!) 10:50-1:40-4:20-7:00-9:40

Avalon
5612 Connecticut Avenue www.theavalon.org

J. Edgar (R) 2:15-5:15-8:15
The Way (PG-13) 1:45-4:45-7:45

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street NW www.landmarktheatres.com

Like Crazy (PG-13) 10:30-1:00-3:00-5:15-7:30-9:45
Martha Marcy May Marlene (R) 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50
Hell and Back Again (NR) 11:45-1:45-3:45-5:45-7:45-9:45
The Skin I Live In (La piel que habito) (R) 10:35-1:15-4:00-6:45-9:30
The Descendants (R) (!) 10:15-12:00-1:00-2:45-3:45-5:30-6:30-8:15-9:15
Melancholia (R) 11:00-2:00-5:00-8:00
My Week with Marilyn (R) (!) 11:40-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40

Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14
707 Seventh Street NW www.regalcinemas.com

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The Muppets (PG) (!) 11:20-12:50-2:15-3:40-4:50-6:40-7:30-9:10-10:15

West End Cinema
2301 M Street NW http://westendcinema.com/

The Women on the 6th Floor (Les femmes du 6eme etage) (NR) English Subtitles: 9:30
Drive (R) 9:50
Margin Call (R) 5:20-7:40
Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 7:15-9:15
The Swell Season (NR) 5:30-7:30
The Way (PG-13) 5:00

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AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road www.afi.com/silver

Martha Marcy May Marlene (R) NO PASSES: (!) 12:30-2:55-5:05-7:15-9:25
Margin Call (R) 2:05-4:25
My Week with Marilyn (R) NO PASSES: (!) 12:40-2:45-4:50-7:05-9:15
The Dark Crystal (PG) 7:30
Labyrinth (PG) 9:30

AMC Loews Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com

Happy Feet Two in 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (!) 1:30-6:30
Arthur Christmas 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (!) 2:15-7:30
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Arthur Christmas (PG) Digital Presentation: (!) 11:45-5:00-9:50
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AMC Loews White Flint 5
11301 Rockville Pike www.AMCTheatres.com

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AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way www.AMCTheatres.com

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Jack and Jill (PG) 10:35-12:55-3:25-5:55-8:10-10:25

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue www.landmarktheatres.com

Anonymous (PG-13) 1:25-6:45
Take Shelter (R) 10:50-4:10-9:35
Like Crazy (PG-13) 11:00-1:10-3:20-5:30-7:45-9:55
Martha Marcy May Marlene (R) 11:25-1:50-4:30-7:10-9:40
Oranges and Sunshine (NR) 2:30
The Descendants (R) (!) 10:45-11:45-12:30-1:30-3:15-4:15-5:15-6:00-7:00-8:00-8:45-9:45
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My Week with Marilyn (R) (!) 11:30-2:20-4:45-7:30-9:50

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7272 Wisconsin Avenue www.regalcinemas.com

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Wholly Smoked!

Secondhand smoke isn't so bad when it's delivered by your waiter. Experimental chefs and mixologists all over the District are infusing meals and cocktails with pleasing vapors that transport patrons beyond the dining room. "Smoke makes you feel like you're outside," says Bibiana's executive chef, Nicholas Stefanelli. "It always reminds me of cooking on the grill." Whether reminiscent of the great outdoors or not, these smoky creations are a breath of fresh air. NEVIN MARTELL

The Grille at Morrison House

You get a taste of magic when you order the Progression of Scallops ($31, right). Whisk off the dome top and a tea-infused cloud rises up like a rabbit popping out of a hat. "Diners are wowed by it," says chef de cuisine Stephanie Geist. "It's a stunning dish." Once the haze clears, patrons discover a cold-smoked scallop topped with Meyer lemon gelée and a few crunchy crystals of black sea salt. *116 S. Alfred St., Alexandria; 703-838-8000, Morrisonhouse.com/mrr-dining/index.html. (King Street)*

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Eola

Once a month, this palace of pork hosts a bacon-centric brunch to showcase six to 10 homemade bacons, ($6 each, $14 for a flight of three, above), each made from a different pig. Chef Daniel Singhofen first rubs the hog bellies with a mixture of brown sugar, kosher salt, water and curing mix, and cold-smokes them with a combination of applewood and cherrywood for 12 hours. After taking them out and chilling them, he seals them in bags of lard before sous-vide cooking them for another half-day. "That's how we achieve that melt-in-your-mouth texture," Singhofen says. Finally, the bacon is sliced and fried to order. *2020 P St. NW; 202-466-4441, Eoladc.com. (Dupont Circle)*

Black Jack

HEATHER FREEMAN PR

Bartending brothers Ari and Micah Wilder start their warming Cigar cocktail ($15) by wrapping ice in a cheesecloth and putting it in a smoker for a few hours until it melts. "The water has a really nice nose and taste to it, because they smoke andouille sausage and ribs in the same machine," Ari Wilder says. That hazy H2O is mixed with viscous peach nectar and is refrozen into cubes. Next, the brothers strain mezcal, lemon juice, peach nectar and peach bitters over the ice before finishing it off with a "cigar" of tightly wound prosciutto. *1612 14th St. NW; 202-986-5225, Facebook.com/BlackJackDC. (U St.-Cardozo)*

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Bibiana

"It's like eating a chicken nugget wrapped in bacon," Stefanelli says of his hay-smoked veal sweetbreads, above ($14, above). He achieves this flavor combination by smoking the meat with handfuls of dried orchardgrass and alfalfa. "That gives the dish this big, bright floral note," Stefanelli says. He builds on that taste by coating the sweetbreads with a candied orange zest and ground-up, burnt coriander seeds, then balancing them on a swipe of celery root puree. *1100 New York Ave. NW; 202-216-9550, Bibianadc.com. (Metro Center)*

Fiola

At chef Fabio Trabocchi's former restaurant, Maestro, another chef set off the alarm system and forced the evacuation of the building by smoking foie gras beneath the fire detector. Luckily, no one has come close to burning down Fiola, where Trabocchi serves a hay-smoked risotto ($25). Enriched with plenty of butter and Taleggio cheese, the dish is topped with thin discs of pear, a drizzle of balsamic vinegar and a small cloud of Parmesan froth to lighten it up. "You have to balance the flavor between saltiness, pepperiness and sweetness," says the chef. *601 Pennsylvania Ave. NW (entrance on Indiana Avenue NW); 202-628-2888, Fioladc.com. (Archives)*

SMOKE SIGNALS

You don't need fancy equipment to bring a little haze to your home cooking. Follow these tips from our chefs to ensure you enjoy smoky cuisine — minus a visit from the fire department. N.M.

What to Smoke

While you can use any ingredient, pork chops are an easy dish to smoke, says Trabocchi, who recommends roasting the meat first and then finishing it off for eight minutes in smoke.

How to Smoke It

Trabocchi advises filling a Dutch oven with hay and a small rack, and placing it over medium heat with the lid on. "Put in ingredients when there is a deep cloud of smoke," he says. "But make sure the hay is not so hot that it starts to burn."

Where to Do It

Culinary experiments involving conflagrations are best done in the backyard. "Don't do it inside," Singhofen warns, "unless you like to smell like bacon and love the serenade of the smoke alarm."

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KATHERINE FREY/TWP

Located in a spare basement space next to its sister restaurant, Komi, Little Serow seats 30 and serves family-style meals.

Heaven's Below

Little Serow fills up a tiny basement with the flavors of Thailand

First Bite

The hostess behind the unmarked door in Dupont Circle asks whether we're familiar with the concept behind Little Serow and whether we wouldn't mind giving the menu a quick read before she seats us. The restaurant's food is spicy, she advises, and some of it includes nuts. The kitchen is the size of a postage stamp, she adds, and it can't make substitutions.

For the past year or so, restaurant watchers have been trying to figure out what the close-lipped Johnny Monis had in store for the vacant basement space next to his trailblazing Greek retreat, Komi. He chose the restaurant's eighth anniversary to begin welcoming walk-ins to his well-kept secret: a spare, 30-seat restaurant serving the flavors of northeastern Thailand, or Issan.

"It's the food I love eating and what we eat on days off," says Monis, 32, who married co-owner Anne Marler in Thailand in August. The style is marked by its spicy and sour notes, an abundance of fresh herbs and toasted spices.

Little Serow, which takes its name from a goatlike mountain animal found in Asia, does not take reservations, and it offers a single, multicourse menu. "The food is served family-style," says our server. According to Thai custom, "there should be more dishes than diners."

Within moments, our table is crowded with enticements. The happy traffic jam commences with airy fried pork skins and a basket of fresh herbs and vegetables for use as wraps and sops for the sauces; in the mix is a cluster of pea eggplants, the size of blueberries and pleasantly bitter. For the next hour or so, room is also made for a fluffy salad of shredded catfish scattered with fried shallots; smoky mushrooms tossed with red onion and lime; and bite-size fried radish cakes that could pass for chewy croutons. As the hostess foretold, some compositions are not for the faint of palate: Charred steak bedded on Asian greens is accompanied by a rough and violent dip that lingers on your lips long after you've tried it.

Monis promised "beer and wine and a few surprises" to drink with his vivid feast of seven or so dishes. They include wines in which botanicals have been steeped (trend alert!) and that are splashed over ice.

Is that Patsy Cline singing in the background? Sure is. Be it the service or the food or the ambiance, no other Thai restaurant in the area presents itself like Little Serow.

TOM SIETSEMA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

● *1511 17th St. NW; Littleserow.com. (Farragut West)*

New on the Menu: Leave the fancy plates in the curio and save yourself the dirty dishes. BGR the Burger Joint's Pumpkin Pie shake and Thanksgiving on a Bun burger — made with ground turkey meat, cranberry sauce, gravy and corn bread stuffing — is a fuss-free meal to be thankful for. Visit Bgrtheburgerjoint.com for locations. Or head to the chain's Bethesda outpost (4827 Fairmont Ave.) on Thursday with a thawed, 8- to 10-pound bird in hand and have it deep-fried from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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Newseum: "Blood and Ink: Front Pages From the Civil War," more than 30 historic newspaper front pages documenting the most famous events of the Civil War; "G-Men and Journalists: Top News Stories of the FBI's First Century," coverage of the FBI's most famous investigations, through Dec. 31, 2012. "Inside Tim Russert's Office: If It's Sunday, It's 'Meet the Press,'" the former "Meet the Press" host's office is partially reassembled to reflect how it appeared during his 17 years as the show's moderator, through Dec. 31, 2012. "Photo Finish: The Sports Photography of Neil Leifer," moments captured by sports photographer Neil Leifer, including Muhammad Ali's victory over Sonny Liston, will be on display, through March 18. 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 888-639-7386, Newseum.org.

Phillips Collection: "90 Years of New: The Klee Room," the museum's Klee Room will be brought back to its state in 1948, with 13 works by Paul Klee adorning the walls, through Dec. 31. "Degas's Dancers at the Barre: Point and Counterpoint," paintings of dancers by Edgar Degas show his fascination with ballet, through Jan. 8. "Eye to Eye: Joseph Marioni at the Phillips," a collection of monochrome paintings selected by the artists will be on display, through Jan. 29. "Will Ryman's 'The Roses,'" fiberglass and stainless steel statues of rose blooms are placed on the museum's lawn. The structures transform in the changing light of the colder seasons, through Jan. 5. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151, Phillipscollection.org.

Renwick Gallery: "Something of Splendor: Decorative Arts From the White House," a collection of pieces, including furniture, ceramics, glass and textiles, shows the history of the White House's decor, through May 6. 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, Americanart.si.edu.

Smithsonian American Art Museum: "Inventing a Better Mousetrap: Patent Models From the Rothschild Collection," models of mousetraps show the different patents inventors submitted during the 19th century; "Made in Chicago: The Koffler Collection," twenty-six paintings, sculptures and works on paper from 1960 to 1980 by Chicago artists, including Roger Brown, Leon Golub, Theodore Halkin and Vera Klement, through Jan. 2. "Multiplicity," contemporary artists show how repeated images are important to the process of printmaking, through March 11. "The Great Hall of American Wonders," this collection of more than 160 objects, including paintings and drawings by John James Audubon and Winslow Homer — as well as botanical illustrations, patent models and engineering diagrams — captures America at its most aspirational and imaginative, through Jan. 8. "Watch This! New Directions in the Art of the Moving Image," a permanent collection documenting contemporary art's use of video. On display are nine works spanning 50 years, including Cory Arcangel's Nintendo-inspired "Video Painting," Jim Campbell's "Grand Central Station #2" display, made from 1,728 LED lights, and Kota Ezawa's 3-D digital animation, "LYAM 3D." Eighth and F streets NW; 202-633-1000, Americanart.si.edu.

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Susan Calloway Fine Arts: "Sweet Tides," works by Alison Hall Cooley focus on the memory of spaces, through Dec. 31. 1643 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-965-4601, Callowayart.com.

Textile Museum: "Second Lives: The Age-Old Art of Recycling Textiles," examples of how various cultures reuse fabric, including a vest made from a blanket and a large patchwork of small scraps of silk ikat, through Jan. 8. "Weaving Abstraction: Kuba Textiles and the Woven Art of Central Africa," a collection of 50 19th- and 20th-century objects, including ceremonial skirts, tribute clothes, headdresses and basketry, through Feb. 12. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, Textilemuseum.org.

The Old Print Gallery: "New Prints by Jake Muirhead," more than 20 etchings, aquatints and drypoints by the artist, through Jan. 23. 1220 31st St. NW; 202-965-1818, Oldprintgallery.com.

Torpedo Factory Art Center/The Art League: "Small Works," a juried exhibit of works by gallery members that are limited in size but not subject, through Dec. 5. "What Art to Wear," an exhibit of wearable art, including handmade pieces of clothing and jewelry, through Dec. 5. The Art League, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-683-1780, Theartleague.org.

LAST CHANCE **Touchstone:** "The Privileged Series," works by Anthony Dortch Jr. show people who are socially and financially above others and how they exploit those below them, Sun. 901 New York Ave. NW; 202-347-2787, Touchstonegallery.com.

Woodrow Wilson House: "Woodrow Wilson, President Electric: Harnessing the Power of Innovation in the Progressive Era," examples of technology from the Progressive Era used by Wilson and the first family, including a telephone, silent film footage, a Victrola player, a 1921 Milburn Electric car and more, through Oct. 31, 2012. 2340 S St. NW; 202-387-4062, Woodrowwilsonhouse.org.

Zenith Gallery: "Shining Stars," an exhibit of sculpture and mixed-media works by Julie Girardini, Joan Konkel, David Hubbard, Barton Rubenstein and Paul Martin Wolff, through Jan. 7. 1111 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-783-2963.

The American Experience

TIMOTHY GREENFIELD-SANDERS

MORE THAN MORPHEUS: Actor Laurence Fishburne is part of the National Portrait Gallery's exhibit "The Black List: Photographs by Timothy Greenfield-Sanders." The photographer chose 50 influential African-Americans from a variety of backgrounds and fields; video interviews accompany the portraits.

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'Twas the Night Before Christmas: A mouse whose house was skipped by Santa last Christmas goes on an adventure with an elf and a girl, through Jan. 2, $17. Glen Echo Park, Adventure Theatre, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo; 301-634-2270, Adventuretheatre.org.

A Broadway Christmas Carol: The show mixes the Dickens tale with parodies of Broadway songs, through Dec. 18, $30-$50. MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria; 703-548-9044, 800-494-8497, Metrostage.org.

A Christmas Carol: Through Dec. 31, $46-$75. Ford's Theatre, 511 10th St. NW; 202-347-4833, Fordstheatre.org.

A Christmas Carol: Port Tobacco Players performs the timeless Christmas classic, opens Fri. through Dec. 7, $14-$17. Port Tobacco Players, 508 Charles St., La Plata Md.; 301-932-6819, Ptplayers.com.

A Second Chance: Two recently single people get a second chance at love after meeting at a dinner party, through Dec. 11, $40. Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington; 703-820-9771, Signature-theatre.org.

LAST CHANCE **After the Fall:** Arthur Miller's play follows one man's struggles after his wife's death, through Sun., $25-$60, $25-$56 seniors, $15-$25 age 35 and younger. Theater J, 1529 16th St. NW; 800-494-8497, Theaterj.org.

Alice in Wonderland: Through Dec. 3, $17, $14 seniors and students. Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway, Greenbelt, Md.; 301-441-8770, Greenbeltartscenter.org.

Beertown: Dog & Pony DC presents a production that doubles as a potluck, as attendees are encouraged to bring a nut-free dessert to share. The play looks at a community that unearths its time capsule every five years to consider which items to add and remove, through Dec. 10, $15-$25, $10 students and seniors. Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, 545 Seventh St. SE; 202-547-6839, Chaw.org.

Cannibal the Musical!: Presented by the Landless Theatre Company, opens Fri., through Dec. 23, $25. D.C. Arts Center, 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833, Dcartscenter.org.

Dr. Dolittle: A soldier during World War I writes letters to his son describing a doctor who can talk to animals and makes peace among warring animals in Africa, through Jan. 8, $10-$22. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-280-1660, Imaginationstage.org.

Equivocation: William Shakespeare and his troupe attempt to find a balance between art and politics in 1605 London, through Jan. 1. Arena Stage, 1101 Sixth St. SW; 202-488-3300, Arenastage.org.

LAST CHANCE **Greek:** Oedipus Rex gets a British twist in Steven Berkoff's retelling. Presented by Scena Theatre, through Sun., $10-$40. H Street Playhouse, 1365 H St. NE; 202-544-0703, Hstreetplayhouse.com.

Hairspray: A teen who loves to dance becomes a local celebrity in Baltimore, through Jan. 29, $62-$86. Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington; 703-820-9771, Signature-theatre.org.

Jersey Boys: The musical tells the story of the rise of the Four Seasons, through Jan. 7, $65-$275. National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-628-6161, Nationaltheatre.org.

Much Ado About Nothing: Shakespeare's romantic comedy about a battle of wits is staged, opens Fri., through Jan. 1. Sidney Harman Hall, 610 F St. NW; 202-547-1122, Shakespearetheatre.org.

Othello: Shakespeare's tragedy about jealousy and suspicion is performed, through Dec. 4, $30-$65. Folger Theatre, 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-7077, Folger.edu.

Pride and Prejudice: The parents of five daughters attempt to find them husbands, through Dec. 31, $25-$60. Round House Theatre, 4545 East West Hwy., Bethesda; 240-644-1100, Roundhousetheatre.org.

Romeo and Juliet: The Shakespearean tale of star-crossed lovers is told without words, using props, mime and dance. Part of "Speak No More: The Silent Shakespeare Festival," opens Fri., through Dec. 23, $35-$55, $50-$30 seniors, $10-$25 students. Synetic Theater at Crystal City, 1800 S. Bell St., Arlington; 800-494-8497.

LAST CHANCE **Santa's Special Delivery:** Encore Theatrical presents its annual musical holiday show, opens Fri., through Sat., $15-$25. Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas, Va.; 888-945-2468, Hyltoncenter.org.

Shear Madness: The audience joins the fun in this performance based on a murder in a hair salon, through Oct. 10, 2012, $45. Kennedy Center, Theater Lab, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, 800-444-1324, Kennedy-center.org.

LAST CHANCE **Stay:** Theater of the First Amendment presents a multimedia performance about longing for things to remain in a busy world, through Sun., $15-$55. Lansburgh Theatre, 450 Seventh St. NW; 202-547-1122, 877-487-8849, Shakespearetheatre.org.

The Commedia Pinocchio: Acrobats, dancers and actors perform the story of a boy made of wood, opens Sat., through Dec. 17, $12. Maryland Ensemble Theatre, 31 W. Patrick St., Frederick, Md.; 301-694-4744, Marylandensemble.org.

The Golden Dragon: Five actors portray 15 characters (including cooks and customers) in this play set in a cramped kitchen of a pan-Asian restaurant, through Dec. 11, $35-$69. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, Studiotheatre.org.

The Mistorical Hystery of Henry (I) V: Shakespeare's history play is adapted and directed by Tom Mallan. Presented by WSC Avant Bard, through Dec. 4, $10-$35. Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-875-1100, Artisphere.com.

The Rough-Faced Girl: A Native American story about a girl who is cast aside by her family and tribe, performed by Synetic Theater, through Dec. 28, $15; in advance, $12. Synetic Family Theater, 4041 Campbell Ave., Arlington; 703-824-8061, 800-494-8497, Synetictheater.org.

The Sound of Music: A musical about a governess, seven mischievous children and their stern father, through Jan. 8, $26-$54. Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Md.; 301-924-3400, Olneytheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE **Wilder Sins:** The Washington Stage Guild presents an evening of Thornton Wilder, through Sun., $40-$50, $30-$40 seniors, $20-$25 students. Mount Vernon Place United Methodist Church, 900 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-347-9620.

You, Nero: A playwright attempts to restore order in Rome through a farce, opens Fri. through Jan. 1. Arena Stage, 1101 Sixth St. SW; 202-488-3300, Arenastage.org.

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DECEMBER

Jukebox the Ghost w/ The Spinto Band & Deleted Scenes ..... Th 1
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Dark Star Orchestra *Recreating The Grateful Dead Experience* ..... F 2 & Sa 3
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VNV Nation ..... Tu 6
Beady Eye w/ Black Box Revelation ..... Th 8
Jane Birkin presenting *Serge Gainsbourg & Jane via Japan* *Early Show! 6pm Doors* F 9
ALL GOOD PRESENTS
Scythian *Late Show! 10pm Doors* ..... F 9
Beverly McClellan of *The Voice* ..... M 12
The Pietasters & The Slackers ..... F 16
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Speaker Of the Blouse

A Tights Spot

Women by nature are cyclical creatures. We remember birthdays. We drink pumpkin spice lattes because it's fall. And until recently, we respected the fashion laws of our foremothers, even if they didn't make much sense.

Our elders forbid us from going bare-legged in the winter, and we heeded their wisdom, trusting their vast experience with Lycra and fishnet.

But nature's warming fury has tempted us, making us challenge the blessed season of decreased shaving and excess cookie consumption, and women are proudly displaying their fleshy stems.

By Katherine Boyle

This Thanksgiving week, I'm disheartened to see so many women donning the unnatural, sorority-born combination of short skirt, leather boots and bare legs. This look, even on 60-degree days, clashes with the gray clouds and Christmas decorations sprouting up around town.

Why, ladies, must we renounce a wintry accessory that gives shape to many imperfect legs? Why do we reject the black, stretchy fabric that masks our flaws?

I admit that I'm weirdly sensitive to flesh in November. I'd sleep in tights to avoid seeing my translucent Irish skin, which, much like a mood ring, changes tone with variations in my circulation. Because I'm considerate of society's eyes, I spare you and wear tights at least half the year.

I plead, let's not forgo items that improve us. Weather patterns may tempt, but in matters of skin, our mothers really do know best.

@ Read Katherine's previous columns at: **expressnightout.com/speaker**

PARAMOUNT PICTURES

A scene in which the titular "Hugo" (Asa Butterfield, shown) hangs from a clock pays homage to the 1923 silent film "Safety Last."

A Joy to Behold

Martin Scorsese uses 3-D to dazzling effect in 'Hugo,' his ode to the power of cinema

Film Review

Having been revered as a master for decades and functioning at the top of his game as he approaches 70, Martin Scorsese would seem to have nothing else to prove. So it's thrilling to see him make a bold, creative leap with "Hugo," which is not only an unusual family film from him but also his first movie in 3-D.

And this is the most dazzling use of 3-D yet — more so than the vaunted "Avatar." Scorsese has completely realized the production with a third dimension in mind and maximized it for its immersive qualities, a joy to behold at a time when so many films are shot in 2-D and shoddily converted to 3-D after the fact.

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Hugo (PG)

- **Director:** Martin Scorsese
- **Stars:** Asa Butterfield, Chloë Grace Moretz, Ben Kingsley
- **In a Nutshell:** Set in 1930s Paris, an orphan who lives in the walls of a train station is wrapped up in a mystery involving his late father and an automaton.
- **For Fans Of:** The "Harry Potter" franchise, "Super 8," "The Prestige"

Based on the book "The Invention of Hugo Cabret," "Hugo" takes place at a train station in 1930s Paris, where the title character, a wide-eyed orphan (Asa Butterfield), secretly lives in the walls and keeps all the clocks running on time.

Hugo is fascinated by machinery, a hobby he shared with his late father. The one item that still connects him with his beloved dad is a shiny metallic automaton the two were fixing together. As it turns out, this machine may also connect him with the mean old man who works at the train station toy shop, played with gruffness and grace — and a secret — by Ben Kingsley.

The boy gets some help in solving this mystery from the toy store owner's inquisitive goddaughter, Isabelle (Chloë Grace Moretz). The two spend a lot of time snooping around, dreaming and trying to escape the clutches of the police inspector (Sacha Baron Cohen).

Eventually, though, as "Hugo" morphs from a children's adventure into a lesson in classic silent cinema, it finds its footing. You don't have to know who Georges Melies was, even though he provides a crucial plot point. You may recognize Harold Lloyd dangling from the hands of a clock off the top of a building, but you don't have to know that he does so in 1923's "Safety Last!"

Such moments are germane to the movie's abundant love of the power of film; being a hardcore cinephile (like Scorsese) might add a layer of enjoyment, but it certainly isn't a prerequisite for walking in the door. A sense of wonder, however, is.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

Similarities

Masterful Work

In "Hugo's" lengthy, beautifully fluid opening sequence reminiscent of his famous restaurant-entry tracking shot in "Goodfellas," Martin Scorsese's camera swoops through the hustle and bustle of a crowded train station before soaring up and into a clock perched high above the action to reveal Hugo's presence. (AP)

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'Radioactive' Waste

After months of delays, Alabama-based rapper Yelawolf's major-label debut lands with a dud

Album Review

Maybe it was the stringy black mullet. Or the word "RED" tattooed on his neck. Or the fact that a white guy from sweet home Alabama could spit syllables faster than a wood chipper.

Whatever it was, it was difficult to miss Yelawolf over the past two years. Last January, "Trunk Muzik," the rapper's breakout mixtape, made him the most captivating new voice in hip-hop, delivering dirt-road narratives with mean-street intensity.

And now here we are, 22 months later, with a disappointing debut album and a sad parable about how major-label rap gets made in 2011.

Radioactive
Yelawolf

It starts with the artist's relentless pursuit of blogger attention. Then comes the record deal. After that, a year or two spent in momentum-sucking purgatory where your debut album's release date keeps getting bumped, bumped, bumped into the future. And when the disc finally lands, it lands with a cruel splat.

On "Radioactive," Yelawolf isn't comfortable in this pop skin. "Let's Roll" finds him going half-throttle once Kid Rock emerges from some focus group to groan through the chorus. "Hardest Love Song in the World" has a title that apologizes for itself.

The 31-year-old (born Michael Wayne Atha) is a sharp student of Southern rap royalty — OutKast, U.G.K, 8 Ball and MJG — and he wisely snags a few of his heroes for cameos on "Radioactive." It's alongside the likes of Mystikal and Killer Mike that Yelawolf races through his most spirited and evocative rhymes.

When he's not digging deep, he's rhyming fast, cramming a profusion of words into tiny pockets of time. And while he never turns his gift for velocity into a shtick, he does frequently blur the line between character and caricature.

But not on the album's title track, where Yelawolf weaves metaphorical boasts out of the natural disasters that have pummeled the American South in recent years: "They threw a mountain at me/I got hit with a pebble."

It's too bad that lines like that — lines that take you inside the South, inside his skull — are so often deflated by the tepid tracks beneath him. It just doesn't feel like we're getting the real thing.

CHRIS RICHARDS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

'Zelda' Brings Wonder to Wii

Link's new adventure, 'Skyward Sword,' is a satisfying journey

Video Game Review

It has been a brutal year for fans of the Wii. Other publishers have stopped bringing AAA games to Nintendo's low-powered console. The best-reviewed new game on the system, "Xenoblade Chronicles," has inexplicably been withheld from the United States. Nintendo itself seems ready to move on to its forthcoming Wii U.

So "The Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword" ($49.99) looks like the last gasp for the once unstoppable Wii. Is it worth dusting off and plugging in your old machine to play it? Absolutely — although it's not quite the masterpiece Nintendo has been promising.

NINTENDO

The "Zelda" franchise may be 25, but Link remains a perpetually teenage hero.

The core elements of the 25-year-old "Zelda" franchise remain. Once again, you are Link, a teenager who's destined for great things. As usual, your friend Zelda disappears and you must run to her rescue. Your journey takes you through a series of fantastic locations — including, most notably, a series of dungeons filled with brain-twisting puzzles.

Still, there are plenty of tweaks to the formula. "Skyward Sword" begins in Skyloft, a tiny town floating high above the clouds. Each character is master of a "loftwing," a bird you can fly to the other rocks floating around Skyloft. While out on a joyride, Zelda is attacked by a tornado and dragged to the land below.

There are three major areas to explore: the grassy Faron Woods, the fiery Eldin Volcano and the desolate Lanayru Desert. Each is populated with a healthy variety of native creatures, some helpful, some vicious. There's plenty of sword-swinging combat (controlled by waving the Wiimote), but that's not the emphasis — the real challenge is figuring out how to get through the maze-like environments.

Despite some dull stretches, "Skyward Sword" delivers enough exhilarating moments to make it one of the most satisfying chapters in the "Zelda" canon. LOU KESTEN (AP)

Mixed Media

Back to the Well

As a sequel to 1994's "My Life," **MARY J. BLIGE'S** new album, **"MY LIFE II ... THE JOURNEY CONTINUES (ACT 1),"** may disappoint fans, for no reason other than that Blige is no longer a troubled 20-something willing to lay out her struggles for the world to hear. But viewed as just her latest project, it's a solid album filled with small touches that will recall '90s-era Blige. The album's jewel is "Love a Woman," a ballad that puts Blige and Beyoncé on a single track.

SARAH GODFREY (TWP)

lookout TV tonight

Best Bets

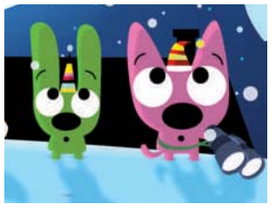
WED 8:31

Happy Endings (ABC) With reservations, Jane accepts Alex's offer to design a dress for her to wear to a charity event. Max panics when he has to baby-sit his niece and nephew, so Penny steps in to help.

THU 8:30

Happiness Is a Warm Blanket Charlie Brown (FOX) The stakes are high in this new "Peanuts" special, as Linus learns his grandmother is coming to visit, and he must decide whether or not to dispose of his most cherished possession.

FRI 8:00



Hoops & Yoyo Ruin Christmas (CBS) The mischievous pink kitty and green bunny, who star in their own greeting card line, are now the stars of a holiday special, which finds them on a wild, time-traveling ride with Santa on Christmas Eve. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

ABC

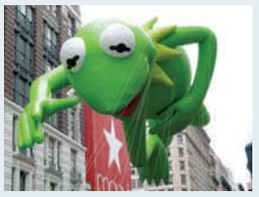
A VERY GAGA THANKSGIVING

She Was Carved This Way

THU 9:30

Lady Gaga is probably the last person you'd picture cooking a Thanksgiving turkey. Nevertheless, she shows her more traditional side in this new ABC special, preparing a feast with help from chef Art Smith, singing with Tony Bennett and being interviewed at her high school, Sacred Heart in Manhattan, by Katie Couric. Musical numbers include "White Christmas" and her new single, "Marry the Night." (TM)

Specials



History on Parade

Folks who can't get up early enough on Thursday to watch the "Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade" (9 a.m., CBS and NBC), can catch the prime-time retrospective "The 85th Anniversary of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade" (10 p.m., NBC). The special looks back, starting with the event's origins in 1924. (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

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It's Too Good To Be True

Don't lose thousands on a vacation rental to a phisher's scam

Advice

Tania Rieben thought she'd scored a bargain on a one-bedroom condominium in Maui. She'd found the vacation rental through the popular website VRBO.com.

But after she wired $4,300 for a six-week stay, the person claiming to represent the property stopped answering her e-mails, and she soon made a stunning discovery: The "owner" was actually a scam artist who had obtained the real owner's e-mail password and assumed his identity. "Now the money's gone," Rieben says. "And I don't have a condo."

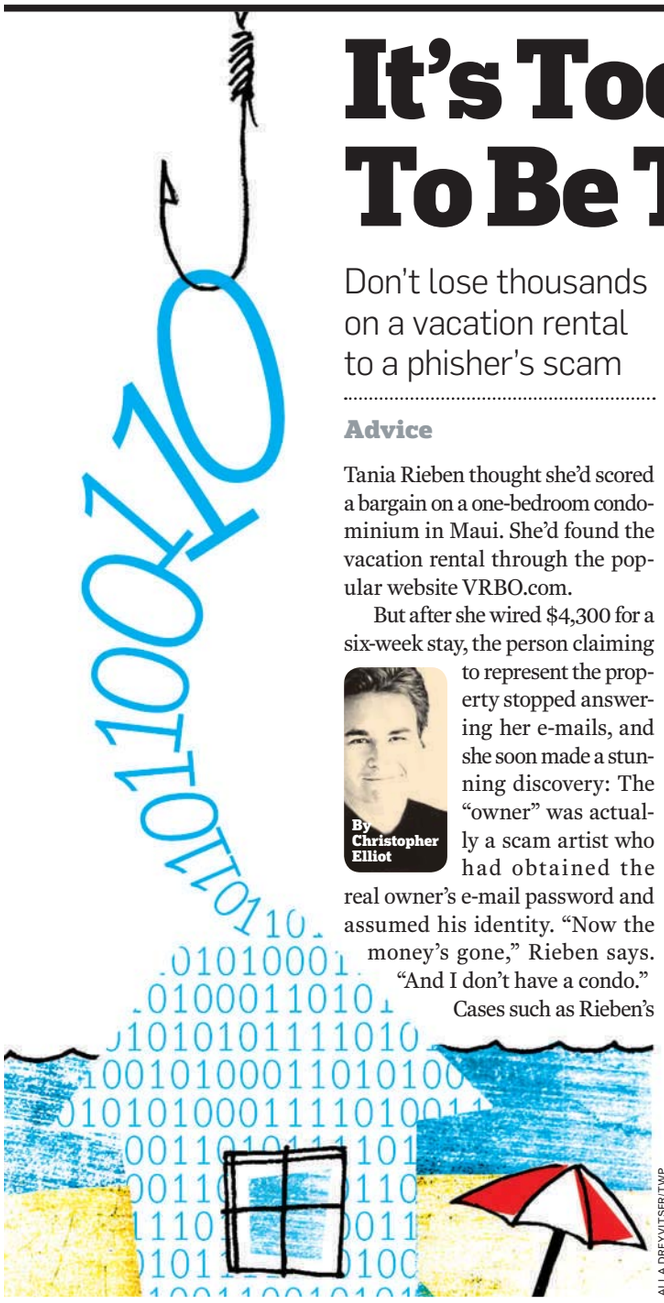
By Christopher Elliot

Cases such as Rieben's are crossing my desk with greater frequency. The crime against the Maui property owner is referred to as "phishing," and it's a large and growing problem.

Doesn't VRBO bear some responsibility? I asked Carl Shepherd, the co-founder of HomeAway, which owns VRBO, about phishing and Rieben's situation. The company has had 352 secondary phishing incidents this year, only a fraction of which have directly affected its customers, he says. He added that customers who hold the site responsible for phishing attacks don't understand how VRBO works.

"They're not renting from VRBO," he says. Instead, they are being connected to one of 625,000 property owners through the site. The site encourages them to use a secure system called Reservation Manager, which ensures that the money goes to the right person.

VRBO's standard operating procedure in a phishing incident is to suspend the advertisers' listings until they offer travelers restitution. As I write this, it is hammering out a deal between Rieben and the condo owner in Maui that would give her a $4,300 credit.



ALLA DREYVITSER/TWP

@ Christopher Elliot writes The Navigator column for The Washington Post.

DISCUSSIONS

Flight Crew

I should have planned sooner, but my plans were previously up in the air. I need two round-trip flights from BWI (preferably) to Phoenix for Thanksgiving. What's the best way to get good deals?

Ouch. As you can probably guess, prices are not so low right now. Based on my quick search, I don't see you doing much better than the neighborhood of $500. Best prices that don't involve leaving Thursday and returning Friday are if you leave Tuesday and return Friday. If you take Frontier out of DCA, it's a shade less than $500. Closer to $530 on United, Southwest or US Airways out of BWI. Try the flexible days search on Kayak to find the best option (though it won't show Southwest). Maybe there would be a last-minute sale, but I'm not sure the risk of waiting more would be worth it at this point.

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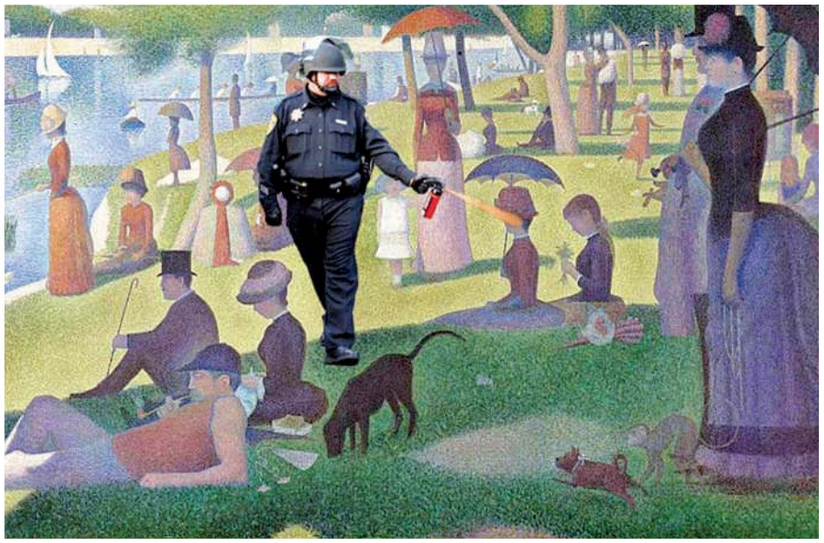

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Blog Log

"I mean, I don't know if I'd pick Jay-Z as a symbol of corporate greed over every other multi-millionaire Hollywood entrepreneur. However, this may be the most amazingest totem that ever awesomed, so I'll let it slide."

— A commenter at **GAWKER.COM** was impressed with sculptor Daniel Edwards' statue that features a bust of the rapper as the base of a totem pole, with the heads of Mr. Burns (of "The Simpsons"), Scrooge McDuck (of "Duck Tales"), and Richie Rich (of "Richie Rich) stacked on top of him.

"Congratulations, unnamed cop, you now join the ranks of Internet lore along with Antoine Dodson, Come at me Bro, Phoenix Jones and Ancient Aliens. Funny how the internet can turn somebody else's burning eye pain into semi-humorous satire, but they tell me that capsicum stuff washes out."

—**BLOG.SEATTLEPI.COM** is hesitant to laugh at the meme that mushroomed after video of a University of California, Davis campus officer pepper-spraying students made the rounds on the Internet.

"It's always a thrill when a much-loved radio show makes the jump over to TV. ... It's like a blindfold being taken off at a surprise birthday party."

—**BBCAMERICA.COM/ANGLOPHENIA** comments on its parent station's new venture, a Dec. 23 TV special of NPR's quiz show "Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me."

"Chad Kroeger and co. just pulled a Jedi mind trick, and for the briefest moment, somehow, inexplicably, made everyone like them. ... But if Nickelback shows up to the Lions game and does anything less than perform in costume as Robocop, Dave Coulier, Tom Selleck and Alice Cooper ... then we'll just end up hating them even more."

—**HYPERVOCAL.COM** was amused by the FunnyOrDie.com video in which the Canadian group makes fun of itself for the backlash surrounding its upcoming halftime set at Ford Field on Thanksgiving.

"So, why all the overt sexuality? Is it sending mixed signals? I always thought women in comedy wanted to be judged on their craft and not the way they look. Am I wrong? Am I thinking about this too simply?"

—**LAUGHSPIN.COM** is a bit confused about why Kristen Wiig did such a sultry photo shoot for GQ after it named her the "Bro of the Year."

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Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You want things to heat up a little today — or tonight — and that will give you the forum you require to let your talents shine.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Nostalgia plays a key role in your decision-making process today — but don't get lost in certain memories.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) How you say something is more important than what you say — though you mustn't let style completely overshadow substance, either.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) It's a good time to determine precisely what you are angry about — for he or she who is in your sights won't put up with it for long.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Take care that what begins as a game doesn't become something much more serious — and thus much more dangerous — by day's end.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're in no mood for what the social scene has to offer today, but you may not be able to hide yourself completely. Balance is key.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may find yourself tied to another in ways that cannot be easily explained today — and yet you'll sense that good things happen as a result.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're making your desires clear, but there are those who are not willing to give you what you want simply for the asking. Conflict looms.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Things may be moving a bit too quickly for you today; take the time to make decisions in a clear and thorough manner, and don't be hurried.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll find yourself watching over those who are more vulnerable than you today. Soon you'll realize how important your role is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Someone else's welfare may be your responsibility before the day is out, and there is little you can do about it. Be ready.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 19) Others may sense that there is more to your behavior today than meets the eye, and they're correct. You know that something is up.

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Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 145-155, BEST SCORE 229

							2nd Letter Double	RACK 1
A1	I1	O1	L1	C3	F4	B3		
								RACK 2
A1	I1	O1	U1	T1	G2	P3		
								RACK 3
A1	E1	E1	D2	N1	T1	C3		
							Triple Word Score	RACK 4
A1	U1	B3	S1	T1	W4	H4		

Yesterday's Solution

P3	U1	R1	L1	O1	I1	N1	RACK 1 =	59
F4	E1	S1	T1	I1	V4	E1	RACK 2 =	71
L1	I1	V4	I1	D2	L1	Y4	RACK 3 =	78
N1	A1	I1	V4	E1	T1	E1	RACK 4 =	60
PAR SCORE 200-210							TOTAL	268

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Sudoku

MEDIUM

			4		6		7	
1		7				8		
	9				8		1	
3		4	9		7			6
2			8		1	3		4
	5		6				3	
		2				4		7
	4		5		2			

Yesterday's Solution

4	8	7	2	1	5	9	3	6
5	2	3	4	9	6	7	8	1
6	9	1	3	7	8	4	5	2
7	3	6	1	5	4	8	2	9
9	4	5	7	8	2	6	1	3
8	1	2	9	6	3	5	4	7
3	6	9	5	4	1	2	7	8
2	5	8	6	3	7	1	9	4
1	7	4	8	2	9	3	6	5

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58 | 42

Tomorrow: Pleasant tomorrow with plenty of sunshine. Clear tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

FRI	SAT	SUN
64 | 43	65 | 44	64 | 47

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 6:59 a.m.
Sunset today: 4:50 p.m.
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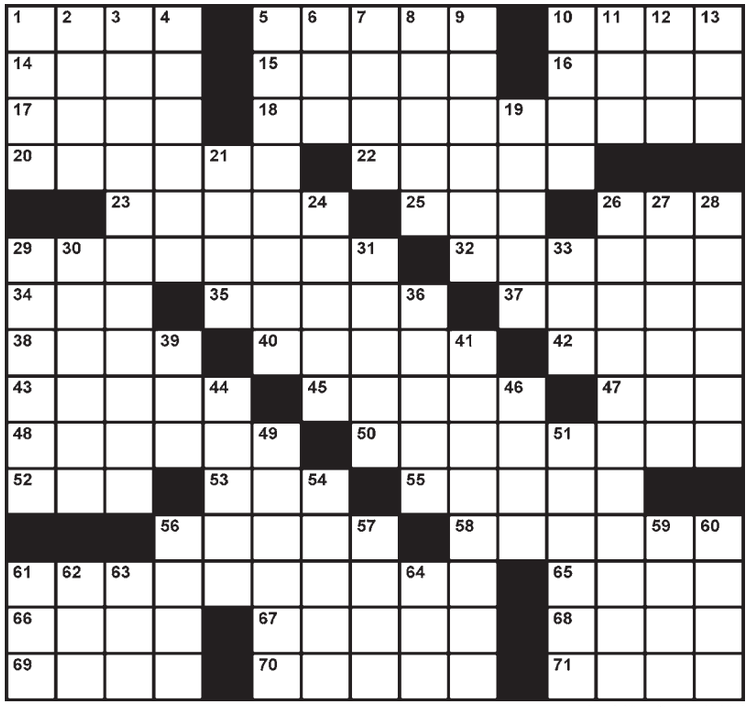

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ACROSS

1 Smallish quarrel
5 Banshee's sounds
10 Freshwater duck
14 Spanish jar
15 Benedictine bigwig
16 Stereotypical freight-train hopper
17 Stealer of "pic-a-nic" baskets
18 His postcard says "My yacht's in high gear"
20 Treeless plain
22 Pelts
23 Abandon detente
25 Certain keyboard key
26 Have an evening meal
29 They'll take you places
32 1997 Demi Moore action film
34 Baba of folklore
35 Cute marsupial
37 Drench, as a fire
38 Tabula ___ (blank slate)
40 Ahead, barely
42 Played the trumpet
43 Main points
45 "Love Story" author Erich
47 Word with "spelling" or "quilting"
48 Lack of vitality
50 Lamp fuel
52 French possessive
53 It may have a nap on the floor
55 "___ Without a Cause"
56 Greek Z's
58 Laugh-inducing Lily
61 Her postcard says "Looking for bargains"
65 Smidgen
66 Cries at the bullfight
67 Mountain range of Arkansas
68 One of two identical people
69 Brad of Hollywood
70 Catch up on one's debt
71 Exxon's former name

DOWN

1 Versatile beans
2 Conspirator's creation
3 His postcard says "Seeing some awful plays"
4 Taiwan's capital
5 ABBA's first hit
6 Blood type letters
7 Classic PCs
8 Actress Sondra of "The Gauntlet"
9 Cat's cradle essential
10 With-ring link
11 Goddess of the dawn
12 Grandpa on "The Simpsons"
13 ___ Gatos, Calif.
19 Reversed
21 Do a pre-vacation chore
24 Financial resources
26 His postcard says "Read 'Seize the Day,' now!"
27 Invisible
28 Little kids' sports league
29 Elizabeth of "20/20"
30 "Seinfeld" gal
31 Aerodynamically designed
33 Biblical symbol of patience
36 Boring tool
39 Where to get cash quickly
41 Mystery writer Sara
44 Temptress
46 Gray wolf
49 Talk show guest, often
51 Descendant of Shem
54 Wound dressing
56 Relish
57 Fastener
59 Gleason's "How sweet ___!"
60 Prefix meaning one-billionth
61 Move like a rabbit
62 Actor Wallach
63 God's first spoken word, in the Bible
64 La-la lead-in

Yesterday's Solution

Today in History

1765 Frederick County in Maryland becomes the first colonial entity to repudiate the British Stamp Act.

1889 The first jukebox makes its debut in San Francisco, at the Palais Royale Saloon.

1936 Life, the photojournalism magazine created by Henry R. Luce, is first published.

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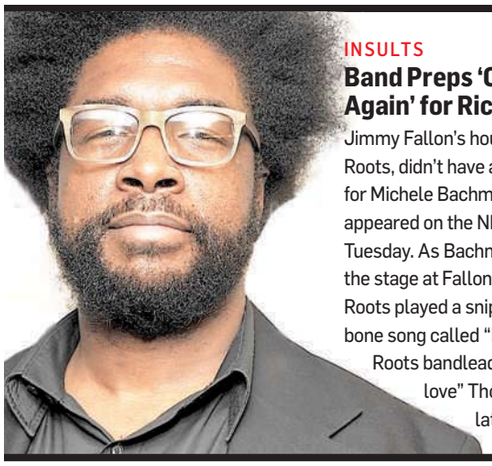

INSULTS

Band Preps 'Oops! ... I Did It Again' for Rick Perry Visit

Jimmy Fallon's house band, the Roots, didn't have a warm welcome for Michele Bachmann when she appeared on the NBC show early Tuesday. As Bachmann strode onto the stage at Fallon's "Late Night," the Roots played a snippet of a 1985 Fishbone song called "Lyin' Ass B****." Roots bandleader Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson apologized later that day. (AP)

SHOPPING

Santa Suddenly Concerned About His Job Security

On Monday, Gaga's Workshop — Barneys New York's in-store holiday shop conceived, designed and christened by Lady Gaga — opened to the public. The store is 5,500 square feet of bright colors, crazy shapes and a gigantic cartoon statue of the superstar herself in a pinup pose surrounded by jagged mirrors and sitting atop thousands of black plastic discs. (AP)

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It's the most elaborate way of saying, "I'd make a great Wicked Witch of the West."

Self-Promotion

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Donald Trump says that his name is worth $3 billion, a figure that puts his net worth at $7 billion, according to the media mogul's forthcoming book. Reuters reports that his brand's value "has been established by Predictiv, the highly respected brand valuation company," as the book notes. (EXPRESS)

"Dream big, girls. You, too, can grow up to outshine your sister at her wedding."

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FOR SALE

Pippa's Rear Not Included

Pippa Middleton's infamous bridesmaid dress from this year's royal wedding is now available for purchase at Net-a-Porter.com, People.com reports. The Sarah Burton for Alexander McQueen creation, which is available only to U.K. shoppers, is nearly identical to the original gown, except it features a zipper up the back. The dress will set you back about $3,100. (EXPRESS)

REGRETS

Think of All the Trees That Had to Die for This Marriage

Kim Kardashian placed an order with a high-end stationary company to make Christmas cards featuring a photo of her and her soon-to-be ex-husband Kris Humphries shortly before their honeymoon, Radaronline.com reports. On Monday, she tweeted that she redid the cards with her family. (EXPRESS)

"For a long time, I lived in a one-bedroom apartment that was just crammed with puppets. It's why I'm still single."

— **"THE MUPPETS" STAR JASON SEGEL,** ON HIS RELATIONSHIP WOES AND HIS LOVE FOR PUPPETS, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH NEW YORK MAGAZINE.

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Bailey's Crossroads	703-931-8956	3517 S. Jefferson St, across from Giant
Bethesda	301-656-1570	6930 Wisconsin Ave, free parking!
Bethesda (Mont. Mall)	301-365-0640	Montgomery Mall, next to Macy's Home
Capital Centre	301-499-2871	801 Capital Centre Blvd, next to Magic Theatre
Centreville	703-830-3322	14100 Lee Hgwy, next to Trader Joe's
Chantilly	703-817-1743	13806 Metro Tech Dr, at Rt.50 in front of Lowe's
Chantilly/Dulles	703-956-6303	3857 Dulles S. Ct., facing Rt.50 west of Chantilly Auto
Charlottesville	434-973-3222	304 Connor Drive, next to Target & Bonefish
Charlottesville	434-975-1171	1646 Seminole Trail, across from Fashion Square Mall
Charlottesville	434-964-1300	1500 Seminole Trail, next to Starbucks, across Fash. Sq Mall
Charles Town	304-725-1791	116 Flowing Springs Rd, across from Hollywood Casino
Clinton	301-856-8573	8847 Woodyard Rd, between Giant & Sears
Columbia	410-309-9655	9400 Snowden River Pkwy, Columbia Marketplace
Columbia	410-964-0749	6110 Dobbin Road, next to new Toys-R-Us & REI
Crofton	410-451-9544	2612 Brandermill Blvd, Village of Waugh Chapel
Culpeper	540-829-7891	15131 Montanus Drive, behind Chili's next to Lowe's
Dumfries	703-445-9877	3966 Fettler Park Dr, at Rt.234 next to Ihop
Dunkirk	410-257-0316	10730 Town Center Blvd, next to Wal-Mart
Easton	410-822-7742	8058 Ocean Gateway, next to Wawa
Edgewater	410-956-3062	3059 Solomons Island Rd, next to 5 Guys & Starbucks
Fairfax	703-383-0152	11002 Lee Hgwy, next to new Walgreens
Fairfax Turnpike	703-426-2600	9502 Main St, Turnpike Shopping Center
Frederick Outlet	301-682-8882	7315 Grove Road, facing I-270
Frederick	301-846-9741	1046 W. Patrick Street, next to Starbucks, Kinkos
Fredericksburg	540-785-1673	1240 Carl D. Silver Parkway, in front of Target
Fredericksburg	540-710-7525	10119 Jefferson Davis Hgwy, next to Red Robin
Fredericksburg	540-548-0445	5723 W.Plank Road, between Home Depot & Giant
Front Royal	540-636-7800	50 Riverton Commons, next to Wal-Mart
Gainesville	703-753-0789	5131 Wellington Rd, next to Buffalo Wild Wings
Gaithersburg	301-869-9727	451 N. Frederick Ave, across from Mont. Square
Gaithersburg	301-355-7240	178 Kentlands Boulevard, next to Bally's Fitness
Germantown	301-515-3000	13052 Middlebrook Rd, next to Giant
Greenbelt	301-220-0374	5506 Cherrywood Lane, next to Atlanta Bread
Hagerstown	301-766-0740	18011 Garland Groh Boulevard, next to Best Buy
Hagerstown	301-582-3766	17301 Valley Mall Road, next to Toys-R-Us
Herndon	703-481-7900	491 Elden Street, across from K-Mart
Kentlands	301-355-7240	178 Kentlands Boulevard, next to Bally's Fitness
Langley Park	301-431-5737	1425 University Blvd, University Plaza West
LaPlata	301-392-6280	38 Shining Willow Way, next to Safeway & Target
Laurel	240-568-0347	14263 Baltimore Boulevard, next to Duron Paints
Leesburg	703-443-2505	536 Fort Evans Road, in the Old Circuit City
Lexington Park	301-866-1956	23105 Three Notch Rd, next to Starbucks
Lorton	703-490-2760	14006 Jefferson Davis Hgwy, across from Five Guys
Manassas I-66 Outlet	703-331-0637	10372 East Balls Ford Rd, facing I-66
Manassas	703-367-9177	9654 Liberia Ave, next to Ledo's & Starbucks
Manassas	703-257-5768	8376 Sudley Road, in front of Manassas Mall
Martinsburg	304-262-0113	784 Foxcroft Avenue, behind Outback
Montclair	703-445-9877	3966 Fettler Park Dr, at Rt.234 next to Ihop
Falling Waters (N. Martinsburg)	304-274-1127	5724 Hammond's Mill Rd, Spring Mills exit
Olney	301-570-2300	18050 Georgia Avenue, next to McDonald's
Potomac Mills	703-497-9600	2800 Prince William Pkwy, next to Best Buy
Prince Frederick	410-414-7440	721 Prince Frederick Blvd, next to Starbucks
Ranson	304-724-7800	38 Joshua M Freeman Blvd, next to Five Guys
Rehoboth Beach	302-645-9625	18756 Coastal Hgwy, next to Pier 1 Imports & Starbucks
Rockville/Shady Grove	301-738-3764	9701 Traville Gateway Drive, next to Giant
Rockville	301-230-2337	12127 Rockville Pk, next to Office Depot, Pike Ctr
Seven Corners	703-237-2277	6381 Seven Corners Ctr, in front of Shopper's
Silver Spring	301-445-5144	10165 New Hampshire Ave, 1 block outside beltway
Silver Spring	301-587-7700	8204 Georgia Ave, south of 410 East West Hgwy
Springfield	703-569-7891	6119 Backlick Rd, next to Mike's Grill
Springfield	703-866-7066	8414 Old Keene Mill Rd, next to Whole Foods
Stafford	540-657-1554	370 Garrisonville Rd, Doc Comm, next to Home Depot
Staunton	540-886-1122	1209 Richmond Ave, next to Starbucks
Sterling	703-421-3664	45591 Dulles Eastern Plaza, across from Haverty's
Stone Ridge	703-542-8567	42015 Village Center Plaza, next to Harris-Teeter
Tenleytown, DC	202-537-9353	4437 Wisconsin Ave, across from Library
Tyson's Corner	703-790-0241	1986 Chain Bridge Rd, next to Dominic's
Waldorf	301-638-0990	3368 Crain Hgwy, next to Pep Boys
Warrenton	540-351-0056	310 Broadview St, next to Jiffy Lube
Wheaton	301-929-0365	2704 University Blvd W, at Viers Mill Rd
Winchester	540-662-6621	1869 S Pleasant Valley Rd, across from Best Buy
Woodbridge	703-490-2760	14006 Jefferson Davis Hgwy, next to PWP & Cardinal Bank.